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# **Airbus Gets** Boost With Big Sale to **USAirways**

In a \$3.7 Billion Deal, Carrier Orders Up to 30 Wide-Bodied A330 Jets

By Tim Smart

WASHINGTON — USAirways on Thursday ordered up to 30 A330 planes made by the European consortium Airbus Industrie in a \$3.7 billion deal that makes the carrier the first American airline to fly the twin-engine wide-

body.
The order, announced in Paris by USAirways Group's chairman, Stephen Wolf, and the new Airbus chairman, Noel Foergard, is part of an overall shift of the fifth-largest U.S. carrier a fleet away from its historic reliance on Boeing aircraft toward the European

Mr. Wolf has long been a supporter of the European planes, choosing them for United Airlines when be was chief ex-

course of that airline in the early 1990s.

Last year, Mr. Wolf ordered 124

A319 and A320 narrow-body jets in a
deal that with options on another 276
aircraft could potentially be worth \$10

'Combined with the aircraft in the A320 single-aisle family that we introdoce this year, USAirways will have the most modern fleet in the air within ; just a few years time," Mr. Wolf said in

The deal is a major coup for Airbus in its long-running battle with Boeing, which is struggling to overcome production bottlenecks at its Seattle factories and straighten out its deliveries.

The American plane maker once dominated the skies, but this year Air-bus is running close to even with Boeing on orders received so far.

On Wednesday, Airbus woo an order from Air France for 20 planes worth \$900 million and is thought by industry observers to be favored for a huge pending order from British Airways, which is a key Boeing customer. At the end of May, the last date for

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Arsonists Destroy 10 Catholic Churches in Northern Ireland



SHOW OF SOLIDARITY - Flanking Bishop Patrick Walsh at the destroyed St. James Roman Catholic Church in Northern Ireland were two Protestant clerics, the Presbyterian Moderator John Dixon, left, and Bishop James Moore of the Church of Ireland. Prime Minister Tony Blair rushed to the province. Page 5.

# Nigeria to Free Political Prisoners

Promise, Announced by UN Chief, Said to Include Abiola's Release

By James Rupert
Washington Post Service

ABIDJAN, Jvory Coast — Nigeria's new military ruler; General Abdulsalam Abubakar, has agreed to free all of the country's political prisoners, the United Nations secretary-general, Kofi Annan, said Thursday.

Mr. Annan's announcement appeared to confirm a political deal that would free the country's most prominent prisoner, Moshood Abiola, and perhaps clear a path for the military to begin a transition to civilian rule.

General Ahobakar's government is ready to free Chief Abiola on condition plan or return to private life, according to Abubakar met with Chief Abiola this

government sources and Chief Ahiola's week and permitted Mr. Annan to do so family. The Nigerian military, which has ruled the country for 15 years, aborted a 1993 plan to hand power to civilians when Chief Abiola emerged as the apparent winner of presidential elections.

eral Sani Abacha, who died last mooth, later jailed Chief Abiola for claiming to be the conotry's rightful leader. · At a news conference in the Nigerian capital, Abuja, Mr. Annan said, "the

government has agreed to release all political prisoners." While Mr. Annan did not name Chief Abiola explicitly, the signals have mul-

tiplied in recent days that the govern-

ent is ready to free him.

on Tuesday.

Mr. Annan suggested that Chief Abiola has accepted the deal for his freedom. "Abiola said he would want to be released to get on with his life," Mr. Annan said. "He told me 'I am not naive enough to think I can come out and be Nigeria's former military ruler, Genpresident."

[The Commonwealth secretary-geo-eral, Emeka Anyaoku, also said Thursday that he was optimistic that Chief Ahiola would soon be freed, Renters

reported from Lagos.
["I talked at great length with the head of state and with Chief Abiola and I'm very optimistic that hefore too long

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# German Squad Again Wills Its Way Up

By Roger Cohen
New York Times Service

PARIS — Perhaps the classic image of Germany's extraordinary soccer team comes from the 1982 World Cup semifinal against France. With his team trailing 1-3 to France and minutes left to play, the great striker Karl-Heinz Rummenigge came on as a substitute and immediately jettisoned his shin

By disdainfully hurling away his protection, Rummenigge was declaring that the real battle, man to man, unsoftened and unfettered, had begun. France, with perhaps its greatest team ever, and one clearly more skilled than the German squad, shuddered. Germany surged back to 3-3 and woo the game on a penalty shoot-out. So it has been countless times

When, as now, the final rounds loom, the game moves beyond the cootrol and distribution of a ball to the realm of psychological confrontation. Nations unwittingly bear their souls in

Soccer's chiefs let the boys behave badly. . These quarterfinal duels are full of spice and fire. Page 22.

what amount to life-and-death-

struggles for victory.

This is an area in which the German team — known simply at home as the "Mannschaft" — has excelled, coming from behind, often in the last minutes, to reach a remarkable six finals and nine semifinals in thirteen World Cup appearances. It has won the trophy three times, a record surpassed only by Brazil, and is once again in the quarterfinals here.

One of those victories came in the 1954 World Cup in Switzerland. Germany was thrashed 8-3 in an

opening league game against Hungary, but nonetheless qualified for the knock-out rounds. It reached the final to find itself facing Hungary again. Within minutes the Hungarians took a 2-0 lead; the match seemed over. But the Germans, true to form, came back

"Everyone has his own conception of tactics," Jurgen Klinsmann, the German captain, said this week. "For ourselves, we try to concentrate on our power. That is to say, we try to build the pressure. increase the pressure, until the adversary finally cracks and is overwhelmed."

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Germany's Lothar Matthaus at a team practice Thursday in Nice.

# \$200 Billion Plan For Japan's Banks

# Markets React Negatively to Rescue Bid

By Mary Jordan

TOKYO - After days of round-theclock meetings, Japanese officials Thursday unveiled a plan to revive its economy that gives the government new power to take over failed banks and spend more than \$200 billion to protect depositors and businesses that oeed cash through the crisis.

The core of the plan is for the government to use public funds to temporarily manage weak banks in order to keep lending to small companies that need a cash flow. The fear has been that Japan's fragile banks would simply collapse and trigger a chain reaction of bankrupacies in the construction, real estate and retail industries.

The immediate reaction from investment markets to the long-awaited plan was abriptly negative for the Japanese currency. At 4 P.M. in New York, the dollar had risen to 140.875 yen, from 137.85 yen Wednesday. Some analysts said the plan lacked any surprise shock to stimulate the economy. Investors in Tokyo will get their first chance to trade on their judgment of the bailout when markets open here Friday.

In a statement released by the government Thursday, it said the plan sought to "avoid economic disorder" from failed banks and "to minimize the

social cost as much as possible."

President Bill Clioton and many world leaders have been urging Japan to stabilize its teetering financial system, calling it a time bomb that threatened to deepeo Japan's recession and thus drag down all of Asia, perhaps even Wall Street. Uoder rising criticism, Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto ordered the bank reform plan, originally scheduled to be announced next week, to be ready Thursday, before U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright arrives in Tokyo on Friday and Mr. Clinton, oow

The complicated plan involves the deployment of hundreds of government bank inspectors to audit Japan'a 19 major banks and legions of smaller ones. Banks have been able to hide mountains of bad debt because of long-tolerated murky accounting methods, and there has been little pressure for any bank to clear bad dehts.

Upon inspeccion, some hanks are ex-pected to be found insolvent, and goverument-appointed administrators are to take over their management and cre-ate a "bridge bank." These banks will keep lending to "sound borrowers" and

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### **CNN Says It Erred** In Nerve Gas Report

The television news network CNN retracted a controversial report that the United States had used a deadly nerve gas during an ostensible mission into Laos to kill American deserters and



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Finance Minister Hikaru Matsunaga in Tokyo on Thursday.

# **Asia's Cries** Of Protest **Bring New** Restrictions

By Michael Richardson International Herald Tribuna

SINGAPORE - East Asian governments are starting to crack down on a wave of public protests triggered by the rapid rise in un-employment, prices and social dis-tress as the region enters its second year of financial and economic tur-

Business closures and layoffs are work in societies that provide little or no state-funded unemployment support. Some analysts predict a period of intensifying political protest and labor strife in the hardest-hit countries, including Indonesia, South Korea and Thailand. This is expected to delay economic recovery and force governments to Eveo as President Bill Clinton of

the United States arrived in Hong Kong on Thursday on the last leg of a state visit to China in which he has pushed the American view that 'freedom strengthens stability and helps nations to change,' Indonesia was reported to be drafting new laws to curb demonstrations."

The official Antara press agency said that under the legislation, rallies and public gatherings would be banned at the state palace in Jakarta, at places of worship and at military installations, and would be put under strict regulations else-

In South Korea, amid growing

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# **Clinton Visits Hong Kong**

President Pledges U.S. Help in Economic Crisis

By Mark Landler New York Times Service

HONG KONG - President Bill Clinton arrived in Hong Kong, the heart of free-market China, and pledged that the United States would do its part to lift Asia out of its economic quagmire.
"I want you to know that the United

States considers Hong Kong vital to the future,2 said Mr. Clinton at a banquet held by the chief executive of Hong Kong, Tung Chee-hwa. "This present financial crisis, too, will pass, if we work together with discipline and vision to lift the fortunes of our neighbors."

Mr. Clinton's visit to Hong Kong, the first by a sitting American president, comes one day after the former British colony marked the first anniversary of its return to China. It gave him the opportunity to assess one of the grander experiments in modern political history: China's pledge to let Hong Kong remain a capitalist enclave in the world's last Communist empire.

These days, economics are overshadowing politics here. Hong Kong is suf-fering badly from the Asian financial contagion, and Mr. Clinton will make the Asian economy the centerpiece of a major speech on Friday.

"Hong Kong is a world symbol of trade, enterprise, freedom, and global interdependence," said Mr. Clinton, who looked weary despite having re-laxed earlier in the day on a two-hour boat trip on the Li River near Guilin.

Mr. Clinton praised Hong Kong and China for being anchors of stability in a region-wide economic storm, a reference to the fact that neither government has devalued its currency, despite the continued weakness of the Japanese yen and a wave of tit-for-tat devaluations across the region.

Mr. Tung, a shipping magnate ap-pointed by Beijing shortly before the handover, welcomed the president's show of support, saying that "what started as a regional crisis has taken on a global importance."

Mr. Clinton met privately with Mr. Tung for 20 minutes before the banquet, during which they discussed the economy, according to the White House spokesman, Michael McCurry. But he said Mr. Clintoo also pressed Mr. Tung to accelerate the introduction of democracy to Hong Kong by allowing voters to elect larger percentage of leg-islators through direct elections.

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# AGENDA

### Pilot's Trial Urged In Ski-Lift Deaths

A military hearing officer in North Carolina has recommended that the pilot and navigator of the Marine jet that killed 20 people in a collision with a gondola cable in Italy should face a court-martial on negligent homicide and other charges. Page 3.

### U.S. Unemployment Increases to 4.5%

Joh growth was slowed in June by the Asian crisis and the General Motors strike, lifting the unemployment rate to 4.5 percent from a 28-year-low of 4.3 percent in the previous two months. Page 13.

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# Starr Rebuked by Judge

Ruling Drops Tax Case as Excessively Zealous

By Jill Abramson New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - Kenneth Starr, the Whitewater independent counsel, has takeo a lot of grief lately from Democrats in Congress, from President Bill Clinton's lawyers and friends and also from some journalists. But on Wednesday he faced criticism

from a far more troublesome source, in a carefully but harshly worded judicial opinion that dismissed Mr. Starr's taxevasion case against a former Justice Department official, Webster Hubbell Jodge James Robertson of the U.S. District Court here hit Mr. Starr on two fronts, saying he did not correctly un-

derstand his purview and was overly zealous in his pursuit of Mr. Hubbell. Judge Robertson called the counsel's pursuit of Mr. Hubbell a 'quintessential fishing expedition,' and last week he called some of Mr. Starr's constitutional

views "scary." The decision, which Mr. Starr's office said he would appeal, was a stinging rebuke for the independent counsel. It came after other recent setbacks, including the release from prison of Susan McDougal, another central figure in Mr. Starr's Whitewater investigation; the

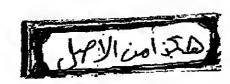
Supreme Court's refusal to grant emergency consideration of Mr. Starr's efforts to force the testimony of Secret Service employees and a White House aide, Bruce Lindsey, and also the Supreme Court's decision that Mr. Starr could not pierce the attorney-client privilege between Vincent Foster Jr., the White House lawyer who committed suicide, and his attorney. But the decision Wednesday was di-

rected more at Mr. Starr personally than the oth-ANALYSIS er court decisions. Indeed, it is the first time that a court has passed judgment on the independent counsel's performance.

Its effect may also be, in some ways, even more vexing for Mr. Start than the other ralings. In losing this skirmish, Mr. Starr has lost, for the time being anyway, his ability to use the tax charges as a way to press Mr. Hobbell into cooperating with the larger Whitewater investigation.

The independent counsel has long believed that Mr. Huhbell has knowl. edge of misdeeds by the president and by his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton. Mr. Hubbell is a longtime friend of

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# In Tribal Patriarchy, Lawsuit Brings Women Hope of Rights

By Karl Vick

AJIADO, Kenya — As children will, Naataosim Mako some-times eavesdropped on her parenis. She was doing it the night she overheard them talking about her marriage. It shocked her. She did not want to

get married. She was only 9 years old.
"I wanted to go to school." Naataosim said. And in her fear, that is where she went, fleeing the circular wooden compound where she was being raised in the tradition of the Masai - a pastoral tribe that has clung to its ancient customs — and taking refuge in the boarding school that held what

she saw as the future: education.

Her father came after her. Mako Olo-louaya, a tall, stem herdsman who wears the characteristic red hlanket of a Masai like a shield, has three wives and 25 children. "They are all under my con-trol," he declared, and to prove it he yanked Naataosim back home

But there he was confronted hy his brother, a Masai herdsman who wears a blue blazer and khakis. David Ololouaya also has three wives, but all of his 17 children who are old enough attend school, just as he did. He believed that Naataosim should be there, too, and has taken his hrother to court to see that she gets the chance. "It is very necessary to be educated, because you can see the world from different perspectives," David Ololouaya said.

By that measure, the case of Ololouaya v. Ololouaya counts as a lesson in itself. It illuminates the dark side of the traditions the

Masai hold so tenaciously — a warrior culture that assumes women have no more rights than children and can regard children as chattel and it hinges on the very issues that loom largest for many women and girls all across Africa, Forced marriage, limited access to education

and domestic abuse — Naataosim goes "numb," she said, at the memory of a friend she saw beaten hy her husband - are customs that reinforce one another in any number of ethnic groups, according to women's rights advocates. And the fight to reverse them, fought largely in capital cities, often runs aground in rural areas still largely ruled by elders and tradition.

Which is why David Ololouaya's lawsuit strikes some as cause for hope. "To me, it hegins to say that men have begun to believe in the fight." said Jennifer Mpungu, an education specialist with the Kenya office of the aid organization CARE, which is monitoring the case. 'He's speaking out for a lot of people."

In much of Africa, ethnic customs have gradually dropped away as people embrace modern ways. Even if I wanted to dress as a Luyha, I wouldn't know where to start," said a nominal member of another of Kenya's tribes who works as a lawyer in Nairohi. "But the Masai . . . The Masai are something close to timeless.



David Ololouaya, left. with his brother Mako Ololouaya, right, whom he is suing in an effort to keep Mako's 9-year-old daughter, Naataosim, out of a forced marriage so that she can instead get the education that holds out the promise of a brighter future.

Masai men still stretch their earlobes, drape themselves in red and measure both wealth and status in the cattle they corral in circles formed by thorn bushes. Masai women still wear hoops of decorative beads at the tops of their ears, shave their heads and marry only after enduring a ritual

circumcision that cuis away external genitalia.

Their striking appearance enchants the tourisis who flock to the game preserves that have encroached on the tribe's ancestral grazing lands. But such strict adherence to tradition also means that only a quarter of Masai men have been to school, and perhaps as few as 5 percent of women, said S.S. ole Timoi, an official with Dupoto-e-Maa, a Masai organization here that promotes education.

Naataosim's father, Mako, 55, had no formal Naataosim's father, Mako, 55, had no formal education. And although he expressed no objection to his children's attending school, in Kenya, as elsewhere in Africa, school is not free. Annual fees can run higher than \$200 in a country where the average annual income is \$280, and families that can afford schooling at all tend to send their hoys. Girls account for 70 percent of the 50 million African children who are eligible for school but do not attend. are eligible for school but do not attend.

Mako Ololouaya was no exception. The four of his children who went to school were boys, "because I was not wealthy enough to send everyone," he said. Drought and disease had whittled his herd of 100 cattle to a single cow, and although a herd once might have been rebuilt with family contributions, lately "people are becoming more individualistic," he said.

AKO OLOLOUAYA denied his brother's assertion that he was trading his 9-year-old daughter for a larger herd. But the 'hride price' of five cows and 10,000 Kenyan shillings (about \$165) that a neighbor offered for Naataosim was significantly higher than the token payment that by custom creates a symbolic bond of shared wealth between families. The intended bride-

groom was three times her age.

And younger brides do command higher prices, said Priscilla Nangurai, headmistress of the African Inland Church boarding school to which Naataosim fled. The school, which overlooks rolling hills dotted with thorn trees outside Kajiado, has gained a reputation as a haven since the first unwilling child bride showed up there in 1984. Charity Olongokie was 14. "She opened our eyes," said Miss Nangurai, who has found support among local police and government officials. The most recent case, a 10-year-old, required vaginal surgery after two weeks with the husband she did not want.

Miss Nangurai and others said that the age of unwilling brides was dropping, along with the age at which girls were receiving ritual circumcision — also known as female genital mutilation — which is undergone at authors and de-

which is undergone at puberty and designates a Masai eligible for marriage. Miss Nangurai said she did not know whether the change was driven by an earlier onset of puberty or by parents' eagerness to gain a dowry. But she knows why girls come to her school, she said:

"Because the girls know they are right."

Naataosim betrays no doubt. "Without an education, I was going to he a poor woman," she said, beaming in the doorway of the headmistress's office. She wore the school's green uniform and played with her hands as she talked. She said the man to whom her father had sold her to marry had no prospects. He, too, came from a poor family and dropped out of school to tend herds. And, she said, "I once saw a friend, Rosemary, who was forced into marriage, and I saw her husband beating her. And I didn't want to face that, either."

IFE BEATING is another tradition under fire in African courts, and in Kenya the watershed case involves Masai. "It's not anything confined to the Masai community, but I think the Masai are at the top of the list," said Keriako Oletohiko, a Masai lawyer who recalls his father thrashing his mother. "If you don't beat your wife, your peers really don't

hold you in very high esteem."

The custom appalled Mr. Oletobiko as a child, and now that he is a lawyer he is representing his sister. Agnes Siyiankoi Moita, in an assault case against the hushand she was forced to drop out of school to marry. During the 13 years she endured beatings, she fled several times to her parents; each time, she was returned after her husband paid her father a cow.

She finally found refuge in Nairobi 10 months ago, after her husband thrashed her so hard with his rungu — a clnb-like stick carried by Masai men — that it broke. Her case, which has received wide attention in Kenya, is the hasis for a chal-lenge to the Kenyan Constitution, which declares that in matters of "personal law," traditional customs override the law of the land. The provision could eventually undo a favorable ruling in Naataosim's case — which, because the minimum

Nanaosim's case—which, because the minimum legal age for marriage in Kenya is 14, is expected to go her way when it is announced Friday.

But the girl's father has indicated he will relent, provided his hrother pays her school fees. And David Ololouaya, who is head of his local school board, said he was confident the learning that consider him to keep his herd healthy while others. enabled him to keep his herd healthy while others' died would also improve dubious social customs. "If people go to school and get a proper edu-cation, the community will realize later on that it's a good thing," he said. "I'm still Masai."

# **Tehran Asks** Rome to Serve As Bridge in **EU Relations**

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TEHRAN -- President Mohammed Khatami said Iran wants to improve relations with the European Union and is calling oo Italy to act as a bridge between the two sides, the official Iranian press agency reported Thursday.

Speaking at a dinner for Prime Minister Romano Prodi of Italy, Mr. Khatami said Wednesday that Italy

can continue to act as a bridge in Iran-EU relations, as it has done before," the press agency IRNA reported.

Mr. Khatami said relations should be

based on "mutual respect and safeguarding common interests."

agency reported.

Mr. Prodi left Iran oo Wednesday night after a two-day visit.

He said he hoped his visit to Iran would help ease the country's inter-

national isolation. Mr. Khatami has tried to improve ties with the West since taking office in August. He has promoted cultural and sports exchanges with the United States and eased social restrictions imposed hy

the clergy after the 1979 Islamic Rev-Mr. Prodi, the first EU leader to travel to Iran since a 1992 visit by Prime Minister Constantine Mitsotakis of Greece, said that strengthening cooperation with Iran was a priority for his

country.

Mr. Prodi also met with Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei,
Iranian television reported.

The 15-nation EU broke off regular meetings with Iranian officials and withdrew its ambassadors in April 1997 after a German court implicated the Tehran government in the 1992 assassination of four Iranian dissidents in Berlin. The envoys returned late last year, and in March the EU agreed to resume a dialogue with Iran:

The Italian news agency ANSA said Mr. Prodi also brought up the case of the British author Salman Rushdie with Mr. Khatami on Wednesday and discussed it

Khatami on Wednesday and discussed it "at length and explicity."

Mr. Rushdie faces a fatwa, or religious edict, issued by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini that says Moslems should seek to kill the writer for alleged blasphemy against Islam.

Iran says the edict is a purely religious matter independent of the state.

Mr. Khomeini issued the edict shortly before his death in 1930 after Mr. Purh

before his death in 1989 after Mr. Rushdie published his novel "The Satanic

# New Malaysia Airport Works Out the Bugs

KUALA LUMPUR - Order arrived Thursday at Kuala Lumpur's new airport, with flights taking off and landing more or less on time after was very different from the -computer glitches caused two chans that prevailed two days days of havoc, airline offi- earlier.

Malaysta's transport minister, Ling Liong Sik, said earlier Thursday that there was no end in sight to the computer problems that had held up flights and baggage since the start of operations on Tuesday at Kuala Lumpur International Airport

But officials of various airlines using the airport said later in the day that there were few delays in flight arrivals and departures. 'It's much more calm

today, said the duty manager of Malaysia Airlines, who declined to be identified. "Most of our flights took off more or less on time."

flight left on time, but those ment System.

problems with their lug-

said the scene on Thursday

There are no more long queues at the check-in counters," said Anthony Chong, a Malaysian businessman who was preparing to board a flight to London. "Things appear like they are under better

Since its opening Tuesday, the \$2.25 hillion airport had forced passengers to wait hours to board flights or get off planes and collect hag-

Transport Minister Ling said that "instability in the computerized lines of communication" had been identified as the main cause of the A flight reservations clerk hreakdown in the airport's at British Airways said, "Our costly Total Airport Manage-

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### TRAVEL UPDATE

### Lagos Toughens Airport Security

LAGOS (Reuters) - Planes preparing to take off from gerting off here still have Nigeria's main airport will be given an armed guard after an aircraft was held up and haggage stolen from the hold, local newspapers said on Thursday.

The Daily Times said unauthorized persons near the runway at Murtala Mohammed Airport would be shot on sight, while bushes and other possible hiding places for thieves were being removed.

The new measures by the Federal Airports Authority follow the June 23 holdup of an Air Afrique flight to Abidjan as it prepared to taxi toward the runway.

### **Italy Suffers From Heat and Storms**

ROME (AFP) - Parts of Europe were sweltering in a heat wave Thursday, causing storms, fires and air pollution.

Temperatures rose to more than 40 degrees centigrade (104 degrees Fahrenheit) in the shade in Sicily, meteorologists said. In the Modena region, in the north of Italy, several people were oeen plagued by computer hospitalized and 90 people were left homeless as freak hur-network problems that have forced passengers to wait

In Athens, where temperatures reached 40 degrees centigrade, the heat caused a choking fog of pollution, reducing

### Kenya Has Worst Year for Tourism

NAIROBI (Reuters) - Kenyan tourism authorities said their industry had last year suffered its worst year in history and they promised urgent action to revitalize it.

The number of European tourists arriving at the coastal resort area around Mombasa has slumped to just 400 per week from between 4,000 to 5,000 the previous year.

### U.S. Memo: No Fireworks on Planes

WASHINGTON (AP) - With the Fourth of July holiday at hand, the Federal Aviation Administration is reminding travelers that it is illegal to take fireworks aboard airplanes whether in person, in checked luggage, or carry-on bags. Fireworks not only could explode, causing a fire aboard an

aircraft, hut their smoke could hinder breathing or the pilot's Violators are subject to civil penalties of up to \$27,500 per violation and criminal prosecution carrying penalties of

\$250,000 or more and up to five years in prison. The warning Wednesday comes after two recent incidents when passengers were caught trying to take flares onto

Employees who dress up as Disney characters at the Disneyland Paris theme park went into the eighth day of a strike on Thursday, as union representatives took their case to the French Employment Ministry. The park is still open to (AFP)

# Frank Rowlett, Wartime Code Breaker, Dies

By Wolfgang Saxon
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON -- Frank Byron Rowlett, 90, one of the foursome who started the Signal Intelligence Service of the U.S. Army in 1930, died Monday at a health care center in Gaithershurg. Maryland.

Mr. Rowlett came to the rarefied world of cryptology without practical experience. But he was trained to be a mathematics teacher with knowledge of chemistry, physics, Latin and German and made important contributions to the nation's signals intelligence and security system in World War II.

His proudest achievement was

igaba, the encryption machine that was the most secure device of its kind in the American arsenal throughout the war.

He also led the team of cryptanalysts who broke Purple, the machine that encrypted Tokyo's messages to and from the Japanese Embassy in Berlin. By deciphering the code, U.S. intel-ligence was able to spy on crucial aspects of Japanese diplomacy as well as German intentions and capabilities in

Theodore Beaubrun, 79,

Haiti Comedian and Actor PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (NYT) --Theodore Beaubrun, 79, one of Hairi's leading comedians and actors, died

Tuesday at his home in a Port-au-Prince suburb.

Mr. Beanbrun, who had been waging a long battle against Parkinson's dis-ease, was widely known as Lan-guichatte, or cat's tongue. He captured a whole country's imagination with his comic portrayal of life in Haiti.

In a career that spanned more than 40° years, Mr. Beaubrun was able to retain. his popularity under the various govemments that came to power in Haiti.

Richard Carison, 49, a writer about hicycle racing and from 1987 to 1997 editor-in-chief of Winning magazine in the United States, died Saturday in Allentown, Pennsylvania, of cancer.

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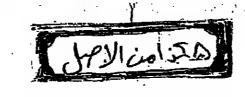


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# to Serve For Jet Pilot dge in To Be Tried Blame in Ski-Lift Deaths

Focuses on Front Cockpit

By Steve Vogel

WASHINGTON — A military hearing officer in North Carolina has recommended that the pilot and navigator of a Marine jet that killed 20 people in a collision with a gondola cable in Italy should face a court-martial on negligent homicide and other charges.

After hearings during the last two months at Camp Lejeune. North Car-olina, the officer, Lieutenant Colonel Ronald Rodgers, has also recommended that criminal charges be dropped against two other Marine officers who were in the rear of the cockpit when the jet clipped a cable bolding the gondola on Feb. 3 in the Italian Alps and sent the occupants falling to their deaths.

The recommendations, along with the hearing officer's investigative report, were delivered earlier this week to Lieutenant General Peter Pace, commander of U.S. Marine forces in the Atlantic, officials said. General Pace is not bound by the recommendations, and is free to accept or reject any portions he choses, officials said. General Pace, who could take any step, ranging from dismissing the case completely to or-dering that all four officers be court-

All four crew members - Captain Richard Ashby, the pilot, Captain Joseph Schweitzer, the navigator, and the two back-seaters, Captain William Raney 2d and Captain Chandler Seagraves - face charges of negligent homicide and involuntary manslaughter. They could spend the rest of their lives in prison if convicted on all

training mishaps in NATO history, infuriated Italians and led to calls from some politicians that U.S. forces be withdrawn from the country.

During separate hearings beld in May

and June, prosecutors contended that the crew deliberately ignored speed and altitude restrictions during the training flight, which occurred while their North Carolina-based squadron was deployed to Italy as part of the Bosnia peace-keeping mission.

"Twenty people died because of the negligence of this air crew," Major Daniel Daugherty, a Marine prosecutor,

argued at one hearing.

The EA-6B Prowler was flying at an altitude of around 370 feet when it. struck the cable, according to evidence presented during the hearings. ... --

Under flight rules in effect at the time of the accident, the crew should not have been flying below 2,000 feet. Evidence at the hearings indicated that the crew was not informed of this limit, but had been told not to fly beneath an altitude of 1,000 feet.

Frank Spinner, an automey representing Captain Ashby, on Wednesday night cited what he called political pressure to court-martial his client.

The attorney said be has been telling Captain Ashby "all along that the politics of this is such that it would be almost impossible to avoid going to

"It just amazes me, the recommendation," Captain Ashby said "I'm pretty down, actually."

An attorney for Captain Seagraves said he had not seen the report and reacted cautiously to the news. "You're only halfway there," said Navy Lieu-, tenant High Eighmie. "The general could override the recommendation, if that's what it is."

Before the hearings, General Pace indicated his view of the accident in a memo written in March that endorsed the findings of a Marine investigation blaming the crew. "The cause of this tragedy was that the Marine air crew flew much lower than they were anthorized to fly, putting themselves and others at risk," General Pace wrote.

Officials who have seen the report said the it recommended that Captain Ashby face court-martial on all the charges, and that Captain Schweitzer be tried on about half of them.

### **Away From Politics**

 A federal judge in Greenhelt, Maryland, barred a journalist from invoking the First Amendment during his trial on charges of sending and receiving on-line child pornography. Larry Mat-thews, a veteran reporter who now works for National Public Radio, has said he was researching the explosion of child porn on the Internet and the efforts of anthorities to curb it. U.S. District Judge Alexander Williams Jr. wrote.
The law is clear that a press pass is not a license to break the law.

 Federal and local emergency planners have scheduled a major disaster drill for Sept. 22 as part of preparations to counteract any chemical or germ attack on the Washington area. Authorities said the drill would extend beyond downtown Washington into the Virginia and Maryland suburbs and would involve hundreds of emergency personnel. (WP)

Southern California's rain total for the just-ended rainfall year averaged 231 percent of normal, courtesy of El Niño, the National Weather Service said. Despite some early skepticism of just how much the Pacific Ocean warmag phenomenon would affect the region, rainfall totals for the water year that ran from July 1997 through June 1998 "were undeniably dramatic," the service said Wednesday.

### POLITICAL NOTES



Governor Bush moving behind Newt Gingrich at the Dallas meeting.

# Gingrich Makes Bid

For Hispanic Vote DALLAS — Newt Gingrich, the speaker of the House, has told the nation's oldest Hispanic organization that 'my door is open' and vowed to work constructively on issues from immi-gration to education to drugs.

I believe if we will reach out and work with each other we can create solutions that will amaze the world," Mr. Gingrich, Republican of Georgia, told the annual convention of the League

of United Latin American Citizens. Mr. Gingrich's direct appeal Wednesday to Latinos, the fastest-growing minority population in the country, illustrated the Republican Party's fears that its policies bave alienated a voter bloc whose importance increases with each election, particularly io such mafor states as California and Texas.

Mr. Gingrich was preceded by Governor George Busb, Republican of Texas, who was given a more enthusiastic reception as he interspersed Spanish phrases in his talk. (WP)

### Ban on Late Abortion In Place in Virginia

RICHMOND, Virginia - Abortion clinics remained open for business in Virginia despite a new state law banning a type of late-term abortion procedure.

The law took effect bours after a federal appeals judge rejected an injunction that abortion clinics and doctors opposed to the law obtained a week ago. A federal district judge held then that the law was so vague that it would outlaw common abortion procedures.

The new law bans a procedure in which the fetus is partly delivered through the birth canal and then destroyed. Doctors could be jailed and fined under the law.

Suzette Caton, spokeswoman at Norfolk's Hillcrest Clinic, said she was relying on the state's pledge not to prosecute for any abortions other than the late-term procedure.

### Quote/Unquote

Vice President Al Gore, responding to 100-year-old Eve Goldberg, who was asking at a town meeting in Cranston. Rhode Island, when politicians were going to stop talking about fixing Social Security and get on with the job. 'Here's the reason we shouldn't act right now. They don't call it the third rail for nothing. Both political parties have scars to show from past battles fought in and around Social Security policy. And since it's so important to get it right, it's worth taking a little time.

# Casinos Hit the Jackpot by Catering to the Increasing Elderly

By Brett Pulley New York Times Service

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa - For Milford Hartz, the adrenaline started to flow right about the time the teal-colored deluxe motor coach bus pulled into the parking lot in front of the Wal-Mart store. It was 8:30 A.M. and the bus was soon loaded with more than 30 elderly adults, most of whom had spent a lifetime of early morning hours toiling on nearby farms and in factories.

But on this recent morning here, 90 miles (145 kilometers) east on the Mississippi River, the Lady Luck riverboat casino was beckoning like a fountain of youth. For the retirees, like thousands of others making similar pilgrimages each day around the country, the casino offered free transportation, free food, free drinks, an exciting place where older people are welcomed and respected and the chance to soothe any pains of old age with the magic elixir of instant wealth.

When you get as old as I am, all your friends are gone and it is not easy to make new ones, especially in a small town' said Mr. Hartz, an 87-year-old retired farmer. He goes to the casinos "mainly to get out and be with other people, he said. But he conceded: "There is a little excitement to it. There's always the bope you might win a little."

Gambling has always been an attraction for the elderly. But now, with hundreds of casinos scattered throughout 26 states, and a growing population of elderly people looking for places to socialize, find companions bip and participate in something lively and new, casino gambling has become a favorite pastime for older Americans and the elderly and an important source of income for casinos. Each day, thousands take day trips to gambling establishments. Like electrified co-coons, the casinos swaddle them for five to six hours, stimulating them with hright lights and bountiful buffet food, then sending them home, usually with a little less of their savings.

In Las Vegas, for example, more than 3 of every 10 visitors are over the age of 60, according to the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Bureau. In Illinois, a recent survey found that 40 percent of gamblers who visit that state's 12 riverboat casinos are over the age of 55 and 30 percent are retired. A survey conducted at centers for the elderly and

at retirement homes in the region around Council

Bluffs, lowa, where there are three riverboat casinos, asked those surveyed to rank their favorite activities. Based oo a 62 percent response, the survey found that hingo, which is often offered at local senior centers, ranked first.

Casinos were second, ahead of museums, shopping, theater, sporting events and church activities.

"This is the Depression-era cohort," said Dennis McNeilly, a clinical psychologist in Omaha. "They grew up doing without, self-sacrificing, putting their families' needs before their own, and

then suddenly they're given the opportunity of getting something for nothing." At the casino, Mr. McNeilly said, "everyone is treated in a receptive manner." Aging Americans, who live "in a society that isolates and marginalizes older adults, become part of the mainstream" in a casino, he said. The casino industry is doing its part to en-

ourage the fervor. While they might not be high rollers, older gamblers -- who almost fill the casinos on weekdays -provide a healthy share of the industry's revenue, To help keep them coming, the casinos pay tour companies to organize trips for the elderly and 10

deliver busloads of them. Aging entertainers

whose stars have faded still perform inside casino showrooms. And many of the amenities and promotions are designed, it seems, with older gamhlers in mind.

On the bathroom walls of the Lady Luck, for example, there is a special container for insulin needles. And at the Bluffs Run Casino in Council Bluffs, gamhlers who use a "Player's Club" card - which like other frequent-customer cards offers awards to loyal cardholders -- receive 50 percent

off the cost of their prescription drugs. For older people who have lost spouses and friends and are living on limited resources, the lure

of the casino can be very strong.

Madonna Gilroy, a 75-year-old resident of Lost
Nation, Iowa, whose husband died in January, plans to join her friends soon on one of the bus trips that depart from her church. "The boat has quite an enticement," said Mrs. Gilroy, who lives 40 miles from the Mississippi River casinos.

But Mrs. Gilroy's daughter, Kathy Gilroy, thinks it's a terrible idea. "Here's my mother getting \$66 dollars a month from Social Security and \$300 from my dad's pension, and she wants to go on a gambling junket." said Kathy Gilroy.

# After Inquiry, CNN Retracts Its Gas Report

NEW YORK - The television news network CNN retracted on Thursday its report that the U.S. military used deadly nerve gas during an ostensible Vietnam War mission into Laos to kill American

deserters and defectors: CNN said an internal investigation had concluded that the joint report with Time magazine, denounced by hundreds of veterans and military officials, could not be

supported.
CNN alone bears responsibility for both the television reports and for the printed article in the June 15 issue of Time magazine," Tom Johnson, chairman of the CNN News Group, said in a state-ment read oo CNN at midday.

"We apologize to our viewers and to our colleagues at Time for this mistake. CNN owes a special apology to the personnel involved in Operation Tailwind, both the soldiers on the ground and the U.S. Air Force pilots and the U.S. Marine Corps helicopter pilots who were involved in this action."

CNN hired Floyd Abrams, an attorney who specializes in libel cases, to conduct an independent investigation into the charges. The network made its statement Thurs-

day based on his report.

Mr. Johnson said the reporters, producers and executives at CNN bore responsibility for the mistake. But his statement did not say what action would be taken against

The report proved a major embarrassment to the CNN/USA president, Richard Kaplan, Launching a series of television news magazines called 'NewsStand' was his top programming initiative, and he used the nerve gas story to attract attention to the series' premiere.

"We acknowledge serious faults in the use of sources who provided Newstand with the original reports and therefore retract the Tailwind story," Mr. Johnson said in his

Almost immediately after it was aired, military experts began dis-puting the contention that the lethal nerve gas sarin was used on a Laotian village in 1970 as part of a secret mission to kill Americans suspected of having gone over to

the other side. Defense Secretary William Coben ordered an investigation into the charges and said there was oo evidence that the nerve gas had ever

A CNN military analyst, Perry Smith, a retired major general who served in Vietnam, called the account "sleazy journalism" and

resigned in protest.
Mr. Smith said that he had not been consulted on the report before it was broadcast.

A retired admiral, Thomas Moorer, a former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was quoted in the report as confirming the use of

the nerve gas. He explained later that he had heard rumors but had seen no direct evidence that the nerve gas had been used.

# Alabama Puts Spotlight on Republican Agenda

By Kevin Sack

MONTGOMERY, Alabama - As a battle for the soul of Southern Republicanism, the Alabama primary that Governor Fob James Jr. won so con-

vincingly this week reinforced a number of truths about the party and the region.

Religious conservatives still wield immense influence. Strong stands against taxes still sell. Race still matters. And even as Soothemers take a leading role in national politics, they still deeply resent federal intrusion.

The results also buttressed another theme drawn from campaigns around the country this year, including last month's spending spree among Demo-crats in the race for California governor: Money does not always prevail.

Mr. James was ontspent by his opponent, Winton Blount 3d, a wealthy Montgomery businessman, by more

than 2 to 1. By financing his campaign heavily with loans from himself and his family, Mr. Blount forced Mr. James to spend twice as much as the governor had originally budgeted for the primary. But be also handed Mr. James an issue, and the governor appealed to this poor state's populist sensihilities by using television advertising to mock Mr. Blount's in-

herited wealth. Each of those factors played a role in Mr. James' surprisingly decisive victory over Mr. Blount in their hard-fought primary runoff. With 99 percent of precincts reporting, Mr. James had 56 percent of the vote to Mr. Blount's 44 percent

It was a campaign that probed the inherent tensions in Southern Republicanism; between the conservative Christians drawn to the party, and to Mr. James, by a deeply felt moral agenda, and the business-oriented voters primarily concerned with the state's economic interests. One of Mr. James's chief strategists was Ralph Reed, former executive director of the Christian Coalition. Throughout the region and beyond, the primary and the ensuing runoff became widely seen as a test of the power of the Christian right less than two years before the presidential

primary season begins.
In the week before Mr. James's vic-

tory, polls showed the race to be a dead heat. But the polls could not measure the enthusiasm of Mr. James's support among white conservatives in rural and suburban counties. Many of those voters were pulled to

the polls by last-minute mailings and telephone calls that emphasized the governor's devotion ANALYSIS to religious causes, like his protests against federal court rulings

prohibiting prayer in public schools and his defense of a judge's decision to display the Ten Commandments oo his courtroom wall. In the last month, for instance, the James campaign directed three pieces of mail and three telephone calls to each of

90,000 housebolds gleaned from lists of

Commandments, according to one of the James also included a two-decade-old governor's strategists.

The polls also did not detect an apparent backlash against Mr. Blount's endorsement last week by Mayor Richard Arrington Jr. of Birmingham, a black Democrat who urged his sup-porters to cross over and vote in the Republican runoff. An unusual provi-

sion allows Alabama voters to participate in a Republican primary runoff regardless of whether they voted or how they voted in the first primary.

Mr. James had pursued the mayor's endorsement himself. But when he did not receive it, his strategists and allies accouraged the backlash by arguing that encouraged the backlash by arguing that Mr. Blount would be the captive of "a liberal Democratic political boss." Television advertisements and mail-

ings produced by the James campaign included photographs of Mr. Arrington. people who attended rallies supporting the stand of Judge Roy Moore on the Ten newspaper publisher who supports Mr.

picture of an Arrington adviser, Donald Watkins, with an Afro haircut that has

Mr. James's strategists, who were jubilant about his unexpectedly broad victory, said that their ads were designed to raise questions about Mr. Arrington's influence, and not his race. The same tactics would have been used.

they said, if Mr. Arringtoo were white. But a number of political scientists and strategists, including many Repub-licans, said that the advertisements re-

lied on an implicit racial appeal.

When you talk about liberal special interest groups and run pictures of Richard Arrington and Donald Watkins, it's pretty clear which special interest group you're talking about," said Bradley Moody, an associate professor of political science at Auburn University. "It's not labor unions and it's not the

Alabama Education Association.'

# **More Floridians Fleeing Fires**

Homes and Businesses Along U.S. Highway I Burn All Night

ORMOND BEACH, Florida - Firefighters cootinued to battle Thursday against wildfires that bave driven more than 30,000 people from their homes, closed 140 miles of interstate highway and destroyed dozens of homes and

All of Ormond Beach and much of Daytona Beach were under evacuation orders Thursday after homes and businesses along U.S. Highway I burned

through the night.
In Brevard County, west of the Kennedy Space Center, fire fronts 15 to 20 miles (24 to 32 kilometers) long forced the evacuation of the towns of

Scottsmoor and Mims. The Florida Highway Patrol closed a 140-mile stretch of Interstate 95, from cksonville to Cocoa Beach. Officials said no deaths had been

reported 'But we're afraid of what we may find when some of these structure fires

cool," an official said. Flames injured at least five firefighters in Brevard

Officials were trying to tally the number of huildings destroyed. In Volusia, the early count was at least 10 homes and 20 businesses. In Brevard, about 50 bomes were destroyed along with many

The fires were within 25 miles of Orlando and the nation's most popular tourist attraction, Walt Disney World. But officials said that the area's tourist attractions were not likely to be

threatened by more than smoke. The Kennedy Space Center, east of the Scottsmoor fire, is located across the Intracoastal Waterway from the fires and was not directly threatened.

In the last four weeks, more than 1,900 fires have burned more than 280,000 acres (102,000 hectares), an area of more than 425 square miles. In an average year, Florida fires burn 112,000 acres. (Reuters, AP)

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# Mexican President Demands Zapatista Rebels Rejoin Talks

By Julia Preston

SIMOJOVEL, Mexico - President Ernesto Zedillo, on a whirl-Chiapas, has issued a new call to the Zapatista rebels to return to rilla leaders. peace talks, which lapsed a year and a half ago.

to war against the rebels. "There can be no wars among Mexicans,"

heavily pro-government crowd in an Indian village where the Zapatista guerrillas also have many administration had used "all of its good will up to the limit of our rilla army, which staged a brief constitutional powers" to promote armed uprising in 1994. reconciliation in Chiapas and lure

tiating table,

break with a four-year-old law guiding the peace talks that allows the Zapatistas to keep their weapons until a final settlement is wind tour through the state of reached and suspends all arrest warrants against Zapatista guer-Mr. Zedillo said be would not go to war against the rebels. "There

the government was considering a

The president sharply rejected Zapatista claims that he engaged in sympathizers, Mr. Zedillo said his political double-talk, and sought to turn the charge back on the gucr-

He cited the Zapatistas' relucthe Zapatistas back to the nego- tance to give up violent action as one of the main causes of the con-Mr. Zedillo did not say what he flict in Chiapas, in which dozens of would do if the Zapatistas did not Indian villagers have been killed in heed his plea, which sounded like the past year in small factional conan ultimatum. But he implied that frontations across the state.

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# A TV Exposé Tests China's Vow Not to Curb Hong Kong Media

By Keith B. Richburg

HONG KONG --- A two-part television documentary hy a Hong Kong-based journalist, Christopher Leung, lifts the veil on one of China's most troubling, if rarely seen problems — an insurgency in the Xinjiang region in the far northwest.

Among other journalistic coups, the series features the first interviews with leaders of the clusive Uighur rebel movement, and last month it won a special merit award at the Hong Kong Foreign Correspondents Cluh's annual buman rights ceremony.

The only problem is that the docu-mentary, "Crying Wolf," has never been shown on the air. Claiming that the piece is "unbalanced," among other things, Mr. Leung's station has been sitting on the documentary for more

But Mr. Leung, 51, offers a different reason for the delay. He calls the China Television Network's refusal to air his

work a classic example of how press freedom has eroded in Hong Kong since its transfer in 1997 to China's control. Censorship is everywhere, said Mr. Leung, who resigned in May as a senior reporter at the Taiwanese-owned net-

Local journalists tend to agree. Carol Lai, chairman of the Hong Kong Jour-nalists Association, said Mr. Leung's case was typical of the constraints that reporters here face when they tackle subjects that might offend Hong Kong's

new rulers in Beijing.
"This is very serious and illustrative of what is going on in Hong Kong right now," Miss Lai said. "It's a very typical case, and there are others as well involving sensitive issues like Tibet or

Network executives denied that they had killed the documentary under pres-sure from Beijing. "That's a joke." said Edward Ho, deputy editor for programming. "You are insulting me as a pro-

A Shanghai native who fled to Hong

Kong at 24, Mr. Leung became interested in the Xinjiang independence involvement—includes rarely seen footstruggle while studying for a master's degree at the College for Advanced Christian Studies in Berkeley, Califor-

Mr. Leung said he spent many hours in libraries researching the history of Xinjiang, which is situated on China's far western frontier and enjoyed a brief period of independence as "East Turkistan" before Mao's troops occupied the largely Muslim area in 1949 and claimed it as an nutonomous region of the People's Republic of China. Mr. Leung made several trips to Tur-

key and Kazakhstan, where he met and befriended key leaders of the insurgency from the province's Muslim Uighur population. When he joined CTN, he felt the time was finally right to use all his connections and produce the definitive documentary on the Xinjiang independence movement.

Filmed over three weeks in China, Russia, Turkey and Kazakhstan, "Crying Wolf" - named for the animal that age of Xinjiang Uighur refugee camps in Kazakhstan and on-camera interviews with top leaders at the insur-

gency's headquarters in Istanbul.

"East Turkistan is not a separatist movement but an independence movement," a rebel declares in one segment. 'We are not separated from any country. East Turkistan itself is a country. Our country was illegitimately occupied by the Chinese Communist Party in

1949, and since then we have initiated large-scale independence activities."
Beijing considers such talk subversive. Hong Kong's Beijing-appointed chief executive, Tung Chee-hwa, has also said in interviews that Hong Kong citizens should not be allowed to advocate independence from China of Taiwan or Tibet once new rules are drafted to give teeth to a prohibition in the territory's hasic charter against treason, secession, sedition and suhversion.

By Mr. Leung's account, a supervisor at the network told him his script was

sent all the way to Beijing, where Chinese authorities expressed their disapproval. And in the year since be completed "Crying Wolf," he said, he has not been given choice assignments incide Chine and was unable to reserve side China and was unable to reserve time in his station's editing room to fine-tune his languishing documentary.

Press censorship in Hong Kong, Mr. Leung said, is like sexual harassment in the workplace — it is difficult to prove and easily denied with a battery of alternative explanations.

"Hong Kong is strange," he said.

Everyone pretends like they are gendemen. But they want to practice sexual harassment every day. It's difficult to prove. But you need to collect the evidence, even if you cannot do any-

thing."

The censorship charge was denied by executives at CTN, a satellite network that broadcasts in Mandarin to Chinese audiences worldwide. "Nobody in Beijing told me not to run it," said Linda Lin, who was the chief editor in Hong Kong last year.



Chris Leung quit as a TV reporter in a dispute over his documentary.

# On Chinese TV, Muckrakers Get A Free Hand, Up to a Point

By Elisabeth Rosenthal New York Times Service .

BELIING - It is bardly surprising that President Bill Clinton chose the wildly popular television news magazine "Daily Focus" as his final forum to address the Chinese people.

Every evening at 7:38 more than 300 million people tune in to the 15-minute program. Its hard-hitting investigations and interviews show just how far the Chinese media have come since the

days when they provided little more than Communist Party propaganda.

The program, which was first hroadcast in 1994, is sophisticated, offers great drama and confronts a wide range of topics that would have been deemed too sensitive for exploration only a few years ago: domestic violence, corniption in the courts, state factories flouting pollution laws, nuclear proliferation in Asia. Last month, the Israeli prime min-

ister, Benjamin Netanyahu, appeared on the program during his visit to China.

On the surface it resembles "60 Minutes," one of the most popular American investigative news shows. But underneath there is a crucial dif-ference: "Daily Focus" — like other television shows and magazines and newspapers in China—is owned by the state, in this case by the government's main television network. China Central

Television. The program's investigations and choice of topics clearly reflect China's new openness about certain types of problems, particularly official corruption. But the program, which has some features of independent journalism, is in many respects an instrument of a new

kind of propaganda. "We are a government television station, and we share a common interest of with the government," said Liang Jianzeng, the general producer of "Daily

Focus," who has been with the program since its start. "We have several standards for choosing topics. First, it needs to be news. Second, it has to be something that our audience wants to watch. And third, the government has to want to

solve the problem." Using this formula, "Daily Focus" has become perhaps the most popular show in China, with its rates for commercials hringing in millions of dol-

On a recent evening, for example, hundreds of millions of Chinese watched senior officials in the central city of Luoyang squirm. The officials had extorred \$100,000 in illegal taxes from a wealthy private school. Now a crew from "Focus" - with microphones waving and cameras rolling descended on government offices de manding to know why.

"Why did the township demand. \$6,500 from the school 'to quell trouble caused by local villagers'?" asked a reporter named Bo Yang. "Why did the local Justice Bureau demand that the school be renotarized, even though its form was up to date?"

Finally, the reporter cornered a court official, Chen Lianghua, as she washed her hands in her office sink. The reporter asked her why the court had ordered the school to pay. "I'm not sure about this matter," the miffed-looking Miss Chen answered, as she walked away, the camera trailing behind her.

'It's an order from the court. You should have known about it." Mr. Bo said.

'It's not convenient to talk now. Miss Chen answered. While such investigations are a fix-

ture on "Focus," there is also occasionally more conventional fare, like a recent paean to President Jiang Zemin's visit to the United States last year. And there are the other topics that never appear, like forced abortions and the detention or release of dissidents.

Some less prominent programs and certain publications with looser goverument ties, like Southern Weekend and Beijing Youth Daily, have pushed the boundaries of discourse a bit

But there are always limits. When a legal affairs columnist for Southern, Weekend recently criticized the corn mon practice of awarding judgeships to retiring army officers, for example, his weekly column disappeared for two

# Seoul Widens Amnesty For Political Prisoners

By Stephanie Strom New York Times Service

SEOUL - With little fanfare, President Kim Dae Jung has ordered the release of political prisoners, even if they do not renounce their ideological

Human rights groups estimate that there are about 500 political prisoners, and government officials indicated that a large number of them would be released, hut would not be pinned down as

The prisoners are to be released by

# Pakistan Says 'An Impostor' Accuses It

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan - Pakistan dismissed charges that it is planning to be first in using nuclear weapons in its disputes with India and said Thursday that the man who made the accusations had never worked for the government.

"All I can say is that this man is a total fraud and an impostor," Foreign Minister Gohar Ayub Khan said. "1 think he is a man well-tutored in the recent past hy an intelligence agency. There is and has been no such person recently of this name with the Pakistan

Atomic Energy Agency at all."
He was commenting on media reports in New York in which a man identifying himself as Iftikhar Khan Chaudry said he had defected because Pakistan planned a preemptive strike against In-

Mr. Khan, who is seeking asylum in the United States, also said that Pakistan had already armed and deployed missiles with nuclear warheads at two sites alone the Indian border and had enough fissionable material for 12 to 18 war-

In a series of news conferences in the office of his lawyer, Michael Wildes, Mr. Khan said that he had seen Iranian and Chinese technicians at Pakistan's nuclear plants and that the program re-ceived funds from Saudi Arabia and the United Arah Emirates.

Mr. Khan also asserted that he had attended a meeting presided over by General Jehingir Karmat, the chief of the army's general staff, at which Pakistani intelligence agencies said they had information that India was about to launch a nuclear attack on Pakistan's nuclear development sites.

Justice Department officials in Washington said that Mr. Khan's story was being weighed with caution. In Islamabad, the foreign minister

vigorously denied that Pakistan had planned or would ever plan such attacks against India, adding that his country reserved the right to retaliate if at-

He said that an identity card that Mr. Khan showed at a New York news conference, which he said had been issued hy the Pakistan Atomic Energy Agency,

"The identity card he has produced before the Americans is bogus," the foreign minister said. "It's a forgery, so the whole thing is a cheat planned by an intelligence agency who put this person

He declined to say which country's intelligence agency might have been involved but said 'it wasn't the Amer-(AP, Reuters, NYT, WP).

Aug. 15, which is the 50th anniversary of the end of the Japanese occupation and of the founding of the South Korean

According to local press reports, the man widely regarded as the world's longest-serving political prisoner, Woo Yong Gak, will be among those freed in

Mr. Woo has spent almost 40 years in solitary confinement, losing his teeth and suffering various illnesses hut refusing to renounce his commitment to

North Korean doctrine. That commitment prevented him from being eligible for an amnesty announced in March, which led to the release of 2,300 prisoners, including 74 political prisoners who signed state-ments renouncing their ideological be-

In total, that amnesty affected 5.5 million people, sweeping away the records of past traffic violations and expunging notices of demotion from the

personnel files of civil servants. President Kim is a former political prisoner, so his action has a particular resonance in a Korea that is throwing off

heavy-handed political past. The government has decided to scrap the longstanding practice of requiring all political prisoners to sign letters in which they renounce their beliefs. The local press quoted Justice Minister Park Sang Cheon as saying, "Requiring vi-olators of the National Security Law to ahandon their ideology and beliefs goes against constitutionally guaranteed

freedom of conscience.' But the government will still require violators of the security law to abide by it. The law has been used to jail labor leaders and those caught listening to North Korean radio broadcasts or dis-

tributing leaflets about communism. Human rights activists said that requirement undercuts the government's

amnesty plans.

Mr. Woo's case had become something of a cause célèhre among rights activists. One of eight North Koreans caught in the act of espionage. Mr. Woo has been tortured and deprived of the most basic human necessities, including companionship, rights groups

In an effort to obtain a renunciation of his heliefs, the South Korean government once allowed an uncle to visit bim, but to no avail.

The uncle was Mr. Woo's only visitor during his long stay in prison.

### **Bodies on Sub to Be Returned**

The bodies of nine men found in a North Korean submarine that was seized in South Korean waters will be returned to the North on Friday, the UN Command said Thursday, The Asso-

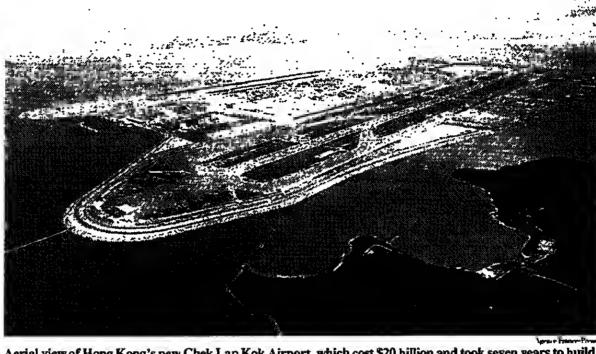
ciated Press reported from Seoul. The bodies will be returned in a brief ceremony at the village of Panmunjom inside the demilitarized zone separating the communist North and the capitalist

The bodies were discovered inside the submarine last week after it was found entangled in a fishing net just south of the North Korean border.

South Korean officials said the submarine was on an espionage mission and five of its crewmen were shot to death hy their commander and three spies, who then killed themselves to avoid capture.

North Korea initially questioned the South Korean account, but "offered no objection" when presented with evidence at a meeting with UN Command generals at Panmunjom on Tuesday.

'The UN Command understood this to mean North Korean acknowledgment of its explanation," the command said.



Aerial view of Hong Kong's new Chek Lap Kok Airport, which cost \$20 hillion and took seven years to huild.

# **Clinton Is First** At New Airport

HONG KONG - Presidents Jiang Zemin and Bill Clinton on Thursday gave a presidential inauguration to Hong Kong's new \$20 billion airport. one of the world's largest civil en-

gineering projects.

The Chinese president performed the official opening at Chek Lap Kok before boarding a jet back to Beijing. A few hours later, Mr. Clinton was on the first passenger plane to land, as be arrived for a 24-hour visit to Hong Kong at the end of his China tour.

Mr. Clinton later summed up the feelings of many travelers to Hong Kong who have become accustomed to the excitement of landing straight over the Kowloon high-rises at the old

cramped Kai Tak Airport. "I was privileged, I suppose, to be one of the first people to land at your new airport tonight coming in," be told guests at a dinner after arriving from Guilin in southern China.

"I have to say it was a mixed hlessing because for those of us who have ever sat in a cockpit and landed at your old airport, it was one of the most exciting and uncertain experiences of



President Jiang unveiling the plaque Thursday that officially opened the

my life," he added to laughter.

The 1,248-hectare (3,802-acre) Chek Lap Kok will start commercial operations Monday, taking over from the saturated Kai Tak Airport on crowded Kowloon Peninsula

Amid Asia's economic crisis, Chinese and Hong Kong leaders are counting on the giant project to play a key role in leading the territory out of a looming recession.

There was tight security for the cer-

airport. Hong Kong's chief executive, Tung Chee-hwa, is beside him. emony attended by Mr. Jiang; China's deputy prime minister, Qian Qichen; Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott of Britain, and Hong Kong's chief

> But the ceremony was marred by a rainstorm that hit as Mr. Jiang walked across the tarmac to the Air China flight taking him home.

executive, Tung Chee-hwa.

He has been in Hong Kong to mark the first anniversary of its return to Chinese rule on July 1.

### BRIEFLY

### Taleban To Move Aid Workers

KABUL - The Taleban movement said Thursday it was determined to house foreign aid workers in a college dormitory that is currently derelict despite protests from their agencies.

The transfer of international nongovernmental organizations to Polytechnic is a firm decision of high-ranking authorities which will not change," said Qari Deen Mohammed, who's in charge of planning for the group.

Aid sources said that 22 of the 30-plus aid agencies had threatened to leave Kahul if the Islamic group tried to house them in the nun-down college. The official said such threats.

them in the run-down college. The official said such threats were "unjustified" and ran counter to the humanitarian brief of the aid community.

# India Budget Headed for a Test

NEW DELHI — India's Bharatiya Janata Party said Thursday it was confident of winning passage for a crucial budget hill in Parliament despite nagging doubts over the

support of a key coalition ally.

"The finance hill will be passed, the budget will be passed, I have full confidence," Parliamentary Affairs Minister Madan Lal Khurana said after a meeting of party

The general hudget for 1998-99, which disappointed investors after it was unveiled June 1, needs to be passed during the monthlong session of Parliament that opens

### Koalas Endangered, Group Says

BRISBANE, Australia — The number of Koalas has declined from several million at the turn of the century to between 45,000 and 80,000 today, according to the Australian Koala Foundation.

Forestry industries and building developers must make habitat protection a top priority, said the foundation's spokeswoman, Ann Sharp.

As much as 80 percent of the koala habitat has been destroyed since European settlement in 1788, and little of the remaining 20 percent is protected, she said.

### For the Record

Rival factions of a militant ethnic group who are terrorizing Pakistan's main port city killed 11 people Thursday, including two policemen and two paramilitary soldiers, the police said. They said all the deaths in Karachi were linked to the ongoing dispute between rival factions of the military Muhair Course Movement. the militant Muhajir Oanmi Movement.

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THE WORLD'S DAILY NEWSPAPER

# Suharto Reportedly Acting to Shield Fortune

By Philip Shenon
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - Snharto, the former president of Indonesia, is maneuvering to re-establish a political power base to shield his family's financial empire from scrutiny by future governments, according to Clinton administration officials and Western diplo-

There is no direct evidence that

the Suharto family has tried to

bribe political or military leaders.

the officials say. But they add that military to help his children retain

Mr. Suharto and his six children are their husinesses and their top posts close ties to the military, was in evidence in June when he accomoffering to underwrite the political in the ruling political party. campaigns of legislators who yow Next week the party. Golkar, is loyalty to the family, which has a holding a special national congress fortune in the hillions of dollars. to pick new leaders. Administration officials and

who resigned in May, does not two of his children have been apappear to be seeking reinstatement Instead, they say, intelligence gress-reports reaching the CIA, the State Fou Department and the Defense De-

partment show that he is making

Mr. Suharto remains chairman diplomats agree that Mr. Suharto, of the party's board of potrons, and pointed to the seven-member organizing committee for the con-

Four of his children are members of the nation's highest legislative body, the People's Conuse of his riches and his ties to the sultative Assembly. That Mr. Subarto, 77, retains

panied several powerful army gen-erals to Islamic prayers held in military mosques in Jakarta, the capital

"Suharto has been very active, rounding up support wherever he can find it," said a senior Clinton administration official.

Another administration official said Mr. Suharto "knows that he can't be president again, but he is going to make sure that his kids and his cash survive whatever casb survive whatever

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# Blair Rushes to Ulster After 10 Church Fires

He Acts to Dispel New Tension, Laid to Protestants

By James F. Clarity
New York Tones Service

the British province were intensified overnight by the burning, apparently by Protestants, of 10 Roman Catholic courches.

The police and officials said the arson was probably the work of the Loyalist Volunteer Force, a dissident Protestant group that opposes the peace effort that has produced co-operation between Catholics and the majority

Protestants in a new provincial Assembly.

Mr. Blair, standing Thursday afternoon in front of a gutted church north of Belfast, said, "I think the act of destruction that we see behind me here, that is the past of Northern Ireland and we are trying to give people a future that leaves acts of barbarism behind

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After consoling parishioners of St. James Church in the hamlet of Aldergrove, Mr. Blair spent the day with Protestant and Catholic leaders of the new Northern Ireland Assembly in an effort to work out a compromise in the

meeting halls of the Orange Order, which runs some 3,000 parades in the province.

The arsonists were apparently retaliating against Catholics for a British government decision Monday forbidding a Protestant patriotic march to pass through a Catholic area on Sanday. Officials, both Catholic and Protestant, fear that the parade, in Portadown west of Belfast, could come. estant, fear that the parade, in Portadown, west of Belfast, could cause province-wide violence, as it has for the last three years.

If the Protestant marchese in the last three years.

If the Protestant marchers insist on march- the Reverend John O'Sullivan. He said, "It is

Protestants say their marches are an expression of freedom. The argent visit by Mr. Blair was rare. Normally British prime ministers BELFAST — Prime Minister Tony Blair of avoid the province in times of rising tension, Britain flew to Northern Ireland on Thursday to try to dispel rising sectarian tension.

Fears that new violence would break out in Blair met with David Trimble, the

Profestant leader and first minister of the new Assembly, and his deputy, Seamus Malion, a Catholic leader of the Social Democratic

The prime minister congratulated them on the start Wednesday of the new Assembly, which he campaigned for during the refer-

endum that approved the peace agreement.
The officials were trying to arrange a compromise that would provide for a short, quiet, token march by the Orangemen through the Catholic enclave, without their traditional martial airs, loud drums, bugles and fifes. That way, the government ban could be rescinded and both Orange and Catholic militants could save face.

The fires were widely and vehemently de-nounced by political and church leaders, both Catholic and Protestant.

The Reverend lan Paisley, the hard-line leader known for his open anti-Catholicism,

ing their traditional route, they risk clashes hard to understand how this is serving any with the police and with angry Catholics. The useful purpose to God or to politics."

### BRIEFLY

### Car Bomb Kills 4 in Budapest

BUDAPEST - A car bomb exploded just off the main tourist street of Budapest shortly before noon Thursday, killing 4 people and wounding 25, doctors and witnesses said.

The blast near the Vaci Street shopping and restan-rant area stunned the city and brought new attention to a surge in violent crime. Much of it is blamed on gangland turf wars that have rocked the Hungarian capital.
The police identified the

presumed target of the bombing, which shattered shop windows up and down the street, as a 43-year-old restaurateur, Tamas Boros, who was killed.

"This is a case without precedent because it happened during daytime in an overcrowded street in a very narrow place and the bomh was very powerful,"
the national police chief, Laszlo Forgaci, said at a news conference. (Reuters)

### French Court Rules on AIDS

PARIS France's highest court ruled Thursday that knowingly transmitting the AIDS virus was not tan-tamount to poisoning. This makes it likely that a

former prime minister and two former ministers will escane prosecution for the con-



The Cour de Cassation two former bealth and social his female companion with Herve and Georgina Dufoix, AIDS while knowing that he should face trial on charges was carrying the disease of complicity in poisoning. could not be tried for poisoning — a charge equiv-alent to willful murder. when 1,250 hemophiliacs were infected by AIDS-

tarnination in 1985 of he- a special court is to decide vices. More than 400 have niversary of a World War II mophiliacs by AIDS-tainted whether a former prime min- since died. ister, Laurent Fabius, and said that a man who infected affairs ministers, Edmond Protest on Visit

expressed outrage Thursday that President Hafez Assad All three were in office of Syria, whom they accuse alent to willful murder.

The restrictive ruling comes just two weeks before were infected by AIDS- of sheltering a Nazi war the Brunner issue was regimental, Alois Brunner, is to ularly brought up by officials comes just two weeks before plied by public health servisit France on the anwith Syrians. (Reuters)

(Reuters) roundup of Jews in France.
"This coincidence between the official visit" and
"the July 16-17 anniversary of the Vel d'Hiv roundup is PARIS — Jewisb groups extremely unfortunate." the

A French spokesman said

# **Swiss Warned** Of N.Y. Sanctions

By Brian Knowlton

WASHINGTON - Officials of both New York City and New York state said. Thursday that they would impose phased sanctions against the two largest Swiss banks unless a settlement was reached within two months on hundreds of millions of dollars in disputed Holocanst-

era funds.

The announcement reflected a substantial hardening of lines between the two sides in the continuing dispute, which threatens both economic and diplomatic spillovers. If the sanctions are put into effect, hundreds of other city

and state governments are expected to do the same. The Swiss government curtly rejected the sanctions against Credit Suisse Group and UBS, the bank created earlier this year by the merger of Unioo Bank of Switzer-land and Swiss Bank Corp., as "counterproductive, un-

justified and illegal." It said they could harm Swiss relations with the United States and coted that the U.S. government itself had

argued against such sanctions. The State Department's spokesman said Thursday that the proposed sauctions would be "unjustified, unwar-

ranted and counterproductive." "They will call into question the openness of our financial markets and they may lead to greater inflex-ibility oo the part of the Swiss institutions," said the spokesman, James Rubin.

He called for a resumption of negotiations between the banks and lawyers for Holocaust survivors, who have filed two class-action suits.

But Jewish groups, which have been pressuring the Swiss to help Holocaust victims and their family members recover assets held by the banks, said that the Swiss government and banks had been unbudging and un-

cooperative for too long.
"I can only say it is the intransigence and cynicism of the Swiss banks that have brought this about," said Elan Steinberg, executive director of the World Jewish Congress, a group that only Wednesday dropped its support for a moratorium on sanctions that was intended to give

negotiations a chance.
"It would appear the Swiss banks have declared war on

the Holocaust survivors," he said.

Barring a settlement by Sept. 1, the two New York entities will end short-term investments with Swiss banks and ban Swiss banks and investment firms from selling city and state debt. If the impasse continues, the bans will be extended Nov. 15 to other financial services on Nov. 15 and on Jan. 1 to all Swiss companies.

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The announcement by the companiers of New York
City and the state was the first concrete consequence of a
decision Vednesday by a committee representing 810
city and State financial officers.

The panel voted Wednesday to end a three-month-old moratorium on sanctions. California, the other major governmental entity involved, with roughly \$3 billion invested in Swiss banks and other enterprises, has said it would follow the New York example.

At a news conference in Manhattan, the New York City comptroller, Alan Hevesi, and the state comptroller, Carl McCall, outlined a gradual sanctions program, saying that negotiations had reached what Mr. Hevesi called a "total,

stone-like impasse." The Swiss government, in its statement, insisted that Switzerland and its banks had takeo "unparalleled, farreaching measures" to resolve the disputes over moneys deposited by Jews at a time when the Nazis were ex-

deposited by Jews at a time when the Nazis were extending their reach through Europe.

The banks offered June 19 to pay \$600 million to settle all outstanding claims, but Jewish leaders rebuffed that amount as "obscenely low." Their lawyers have said a settlement, waiving potential damage claims against the banks, would require \$1.5 billion.

"We've been criticized for saying we would agree to such a low amount," said Mr. Steinberg. In a class action sun pending in federal district court in Brooklyn, New York, 18.000 plaintiffs seek \$20 billion from the banks. The banks have flatly ruled out the \$1.5 billion pay-

ment as excessive. In Zurich, the banks said Thursday that they were considering whether to revoke the \$600 million offer, and possibly sue any U.S. states or cities that impose sanctions

on them. The ultimate financial impact of the New York action is unclear, but has the potential to be substantial New York City holds about \$136 million in stock in the two Swiss banks, according to a statement. The state holds about \$71 million in long-term investments and \$150 million in overnight investments, Mr. McCall's office said.

# A Crime Unpunished Tarnishes Image of London Police

By Tom Buerkle International Herald Tribune

ing in April 1993 when a gang of white youths set upon him, stabbed him in the chest and left him bleeding to death on the sidewalk.

It was, by any standard, a particularly brutal and racist murder. But what has

their early 20s, appeared be-fore a government appointed inquiry into the police handling of the case.

Under the terms of the inquiry the men were not questioned directly about the up peoples' eyes to the fact an undercover police camera that the police have been so that showed four of the five being racists they professed a general inability to recall the events of five years ago.

Outside the hearing, they taunted and clashed with hun-

"Yet again I have had to sit diciary.

LONDON — Stephen here and listen to people Lawrence, a bright and popular secondary school structure deni, was waiting at a bus stop in the south Londoo oeighborhood of Eltham one even had to sit here and listen to people was not been a stage. "Yet agam! have had to sit here and listen to people was not been a stage."

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The Independent newspaper commented that the "his-

trionics were certainly a spec-tacle — of a rather gruesome sort — but the Lawrence farnily seem no nearer a resolutioo

incompetent and so racist," said Sir Herman Onseley, chairman of the Commission

tackers, the inquiry has revealed that police received tips from 26 informers, most of whom identified the five youths as suspects. But the police waited two weeks to arrest the five and uncovered

particularly brutal and racist in murder. But what has shocked this country, and outraged the hlack community, is that five years later no one has been punished for the crime despite the eyewimess testimony of a friend of Stephen's and numerous tips to the police implicating five white youths.

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Lawrence family in scenes of shed event leading to radical family that it was dragging its cent of the population, near-riot.

Indicial representation. had to change its stance in the even thinner. According to In addition to the testimony face of the inquiry findings, the Institute for Race Relaof Stephen Lawrence's Acting Commissioner lan tions, Britain has only four friend, who escaped the at- Johnston apologized last black or Asian circuit court month to the family, admitted serious mistakes were made in the investigation and ex- bers on the Court of Appeals

they did confiscate knives and other weapons at their created a senior post of director of racial and violent

Blacks, Asians and members of other minorities make up more than 10 percent of London's population but acthat showed four of the five count for only 3 percent of the using racist epithets, including one who talked of torturing and killing blacks.

Count for only 3 percent of the Metropolitan Police force: 871 out of nearly 27,000 members. Nationally, only 1 percent of police members

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Kosovars Abroad Are Funding Rebellion

### Ethnic Albanians in Germany and Switzerland 'Defend Fatherland'

By Elizabeth Neuffer

dence from Serbia.

Kosovo Albanians in Germany and are abandoning hope for a peaceful set-tlement. Instead, they are getting ready to "defend their fatherland," as they put

more; that's wby I went home to fight," Samed Syli, 19, said at a Red Cross counseling session in Berlin. "I came back only because my brothers thought one of us should stay alive."

"There are many who have gone to Kosovo to fight," said Bojar Bukoshi, a Kosovo leader who describes himself as the prime minister in exile and who now Human rights groups assert that the eth-lives in Bonn. "It's a phenomenon nic Albanians, who make up 90 percent which is getting bigger every day."

of the province, have repressed by the Serbs.

the Kosovo Liberation Army wage war against the Serbs in the province. In the last mouth, the amount sent \$170,000, said Ibrahim Kelmendi, the

director of the "Fatherland Is Calling"

ticular are contributing money to help

fund. These numbers could not be veri-"They've saved up a lot of money and now they are spending their savings," Mr. Kelmendi said by phone from his headquarters near Bonn, where he runs a group called the Democratic Association of Albanians in Germany.

Mr. Kelmendi said the money raised they contribute. Besim Hajdim, a 38-

and Switzerland.

Scores of other funds are managed by Switzerland, where most live in exile, the exiles, headed by Mr. Bukoshi, who was elected in 1992 in a vote that Belgrade refused to recognize. A Kosovo to "defend their fatherland," as they put it. In recent months, scores have returned home to join the Kosovo rebels.
"Peaceful means don't work any counts from Denmark to Slovenia to

which people can contribute money. There is a large refugee and immigrant community, with resources to

tap. Since President Slobodan Milosevic of Yngoslavia stripped Kosovo of its autonomy in 1991, more than 650,000 ethnic Albanians have fled the province. of the province, have been brutally

About 140,000 Kosovo Albanians have come to Germany seeking asylum.

In all, they say, there are 400,000 in the country. Again, there is oo way to confirm their figures. The Verfassunschutz, Kosovo Albanians live in Denmark. from Germany to the group shot up from firm their figures. The Verfassunschutz, about \$5,600 early in June to almost the German intelligence agency that monitors foreign extremist groups in closer to 100,000.

Most Kosovo Albanians believe that that the Kosovo rebels were receiving their contributions are going to the funds and recruits from supporters in rebels, regardless of the fund to which Germany, Switzerland and Denmark.

BERLIN — As fighting increases in Kosovo, ethnic Albanians from the Serbaring for war by sending their savings home to aid the Kosovo Liberation Army, the rebels fighting for independence from Serbia.

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Army necessarily reflects the position of Kosovo Albanian leaders, who make up a "government in exile" in Germany and Switzerland.

ing pressure from ethnic Albanians to send them to fight in Kosovo. "We see the commitment of people to defend Kosovo, but we are not organizing such actions," he said, adding that he is waiting to hear from officials in Pristina, Kosovo's capital, about such plans. But others are sounding the alarm.
"We've been called to fight, by the

radio, by the newspapers," said Mr. Syli at the Red Cross ceoter. "Every volunteer should come to fight."

### **■** Germany Curbs Funding

The German government is trying to stop Albanians living in Germany from sending funds to the separatist insurgency, and a government spokesman said some funds were being collected "forcibly." Reuters reported Thursday from Bonn A Western diplomatic source in Den-

A German Foreign Ministry spokesman, Martin Erdmann, said that Bonn Berlin, including the Kosovo Albanian had appealed to Ibrahim Rugova, a modcommunity, estimates that there are erate Kosovo Albanian leader, to preveot funds from being extorted.

According to Mr. Kelmendi, the government-in-exile has raised \$112 milby a German newspaper as having said

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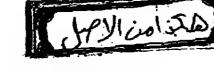
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# Letting Taiwan Down

The outlines of a deal are beginning to emerge. China gives President Bill Clinton air time for his speech. Mr. Clinton says what China wants to hear on Taiwan. Then, in classic Clinton lashion, the White House tries to have inings both ways, denying that U.S. policy has changed when in fact it has, and not for the bener.

Past administrations recognized the Beijing government as the legitimate government of China and "acknowledged China's position with regard to Faiwan. But "acknowledge" did not mean "accept." The ultimate fate of Taiwan was something for Taiwan and China to work out, peacefully. Beyond that, the United States deliberately left its policy shrouded in ambiguity.
But recently officials of the Clinton

administration bave explicitly adopted "three no's" formula much more pleasing to the Communist Chinese: no support for "one Taiwan, one China"; no support for Taiwan independence; no support for Taiwan membership in international organizations such as the United Nations. Now Mr. Clinton has given that policy a presidential stamp of approval — and on Chinese soil.

Why does it matter? Because Taiwan's 21 million people have forged a prosperous democracy in the past decades. There is no justification for the United States to oppose their right

eventually to determine their future. It would be fine for U.S. officials to reiterate that such a determination must take place peacefully, and to encourage Taiwan-China dialogue. It would be fine for U.S. officials to warn Taiwan not to expect U.S. support for a uni-lateral declaration of independence. What is not fine is for the United States at this time to rule out independence or any other option that the Taiwan people

eventually might choose. Wheo China threatened Taiwan militarily in 1996, Mr. Clinton responded with admirable resolve. But now he is trading away the human rights of Taiwan's 21 million people and sending an unfortunate signal to other demo-cracies that might hope to rely on American moral support.

As a practical matter, Mr. Clinton is also significantly weakening Taiwan's bargaining power if and when Taiwan and China begin negotiations. China's main card always has been the threat of force. Taiwan's has been its campaign to establish sovereignty through membership in world organizations and other means. By explicitly and oeedlessly slamming the door on that campaign, Mr. Clinton has sided with the dictators against the democrats. To pretend that this is no change only heightens the offense.

# **Speaking Up for Tibet**

When President Bill Clinton discussed Tibet with Chinese leaders in recent days, he did so with the support of an invaluable ally, the Dalai Lama, Tibet's spiritual leader. That has enabled Mr. Clinton to raise the issue in ways that may prove productive with Beijing, while insulating himself against criticism in Washington that he

treated Tibet too gingerly.

It is too soon to know if Mr. Clinton's approach will work, but his alliance with the Dalai Lama has been one of the more striking aspects of his visit to China. President Jiang Zemin respond-ed encouragingly to Mr. Clinton's call for a dialogue with the Dalai Lama, and the exiled Tibetan leader is now bopeful that discussions can soon begin.

The Dalai Lama advocates autonomy for Tibet within China. He commands a wide following among Tibetans, although support is growing for radical groups that want a violent independence struggle. Chinese talks with the Dalai Lama would be an important step toward ending China's harsh repression of Tibetan religion and culture.

Chinese troops marched into Tibet in 1950, reasserting a sovereignty that China has intermittently exercised over many centuries. Since 1959, Chinese authorities have suppressed Tibetan Buddhist culture, driving the

hundreds of monks and nuns from their monasteries. Many Tibetan believers have been jailed, and Beijing has promoted the migration of ethnic Chinese into Tibet, threatening to make Tibetans a minority in their own land. The Dalai Lama long ago conceded

Beijing's sovereignty over Tibet. Al-though he is a symbol of courageous resistance to China's human rights abuses, he concluded that President Clinton's policy of engagement with China was more likely to benefit Tibet than a policy of confrontation, and he offered his support to Mr. Clinton,
Mr. Jiang's remarks seem to reflect a

more moderate approach to Tibet that has been under discussion within the Chinese leadership for the past 18 months. American policy calls not just for dialogue with the Dalai Lama but also for respect for human rights, religious freedoms and Tibet's distinctive culture. By politely but publicly promoting the Dalai Lama and giving international exposure to the issue of cultural repression in Tiber-Mr. Clin-ton may help contribute to a more enlightened Chinese approach. That would be a welcome outcome, one that would not be possible without the help of the Dalai Lama.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

# Warning From the Fed

cash a bit too easily, with ton little regard for the risks that will come if the economy stumbles into recession. So says the Federal Reserve in an unusual letter sent to all banks last week and released to the public this week.

That the Fed should be worried about easy credit now is merely the latest indication that the American economy is out of sync with many other world economies. Most of Asia is in the midst of a severe credit crunch. as suddenly cautious banks try to get back the money they were lending out so willingly as recently as last year.

The Fed's letter, based on a detailed analysis of a sample of loans made by large banks across the country last year, falls well short of an indictment of bank lending practices. But the tone is one of caution, and there are specific warnings that credit standards may have slipped in certain areas, among them loans to real estate investment trusts and media companies. The Fed is also concerned that banks may be charging too little on loans to corporate customers. It is a concern that some top

bankers privately say is warranted. To the extent that the Fed's warnings are taken to heart by bankers, the letter might serve as a mild drag on the American economy, something that some Fed officials would like to see. The Fed has been unwilling to accomplish that through the usual means. raising interest rates, because of concerns that such a move would exacerbate the Asian economic crisis. No one was surprised that this week's meeting

ended without a decision to raise or

lower rates. In good times bankers vie to make loans, and are sometimes willing to use overly optimistic assumptions to justify those loans, both to management and to regulators. Then, after errors become apparent, bankers grow too cautious, as may be bappening now in Asia. If the Fed's lener does help to hold down excessive optimism now, it could help to reduce or forestall the pain that will be felt if the American economy does suffer a setback.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES

### Other Comment A Water Crisis in China

China faces a water sbortage that has the potential to undermine its food production, boost world grain prices and precipitate political instability.

The signs of water stress are every-where. Half of China's 617 largest cities face water deficits. Beijing is among the most water-short, living on borrowed time as it takes irrigation water from farmers and overpumps its groundwater supplies. Satellite images show springs, lakes and rivers drying up throughout the northern half of China.

A Chinese-Japanese analysis from 1997 reports that water tables are falling almost everywhere in China where the land is flat. Millions of farmers are finding their wells pumped dry.

- Brian Halweil. commenting in the Los Angeles Times.

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# Gestures in China, but Watch What Happens Next

WASHINGTON — It was good that Bill Clinton spoke out in China, yet there was a hollowness to the exercise. The empty feeling was reinforced by the mad spinning of White House officials who wanted us to know bow extraordinary it was that the president was allowed to say such words to a Chinese television audieoce.

What a victory for free speech! Mr. Clinton picked up the theme in his remarks at Beijing University. "I believe the kind of open, direct exchange that Presideot Jiang and I had oo Sat-urday at our press conference — which i know many of you watched on tele-vision — can both clarify and narrow our differences and, more important, by allowing people to understand and debate and discuss these things, can give a greater sense of confidence to our people that we can make a better future.

But who in China is being allowed to "debate and discuss these things"? No one. To exercise free speech in China, By E. J. Dionne Jr.

to get on television expressing such a dissenting view, you have to be - well, the president of the United States.

Worse, this risks reducing fundamental moral struggles to mere 'dif-ferences,' President Jiang Zemin be-lieves that he can kill or jail those who say something he doesn't like. No big deal. We can work it out Now, what about that nice little trade deal we were talking about earlier? There is no doubt that China is un-

dergoing extraordinary change and that Chinese society is more open now than it was two decades ago. American policy should encourage this change. That means, to use the popular term, 'engagement' with China.

It also means accepting that demo-cratic change may not occur as rapidly as one would like.

But it does not mean pretending that

damentals he did not move an inch. That is why this trip, for all the armospherics, has not impressed those for whom burnan rights remain a passion.

Representative Nancy Pelosi, Democrat of California, summed up: "He said just enough for U.S. public con-

sumption but not enough to make a difference for burnan rights in China."

She fears that U.S. policy is trying to create a "post-Tiananmen era" that relegates the massacre to a past from which we should move oo. Her alternative view is better: "As long as people are being held in prison for the peaceful expression of their religious and political beliefs and dissidents are not free to speak freely in China, the Tiananmen Square era continues." Ah, but isn't China now peaceful and

bustling? "The reason we haven't seen another Tiananmen Square in China

mere gestures are signs of a democratic revolution. Mr. Jiang may have given Mr. Clinton air time, but on the funfornia, one of his party's leading bufornia, one of his party's leading bu-man rights advocates, 'is that never again will the Communist government let so many people gather in the same

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place. This is not progress.

With China running a \$50 billion trade surplus with the United States, the Chinese government might pay attention to people like Mr. Cox, Ms. Pelosi and the many other Americans not impressed by televisioo extravaganzas and who listened to the very tough words that President Jiang spoke be-

tween those telegenic smiles. What matters is what China does next - on human rights, on trade, on Taiwan and Tibet, on nuclear arms proliferation. If Mr. Jiang's government does nothing (or, worse, if it regresses), this trip will have been a setback disguised as a triumph, momentarily pleasant but ultimately unfulfilling.

Washington Post Writers Group

# Remember, U.S.-Chinese Relations Have a Security Dimension

WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton's agreement with China on 'detargeting," whereby the two sides pledge no longer to aim their missiles at each other, is

the kind of agreement that brings arms control into discredit. It is unverifiable and, even if complied with, reversible within 15 minutes. If Mr. Clinton's main prob-

lem in China policy has been reversing the erosion of congressional and public support, this agreement will not help. Much of that erosion bas resulted from the appearance of naïveté or complacency about

China as a potential security problem. The two countries are suspended somewhere between friendship and rivalry. Managing this relationship constructively requires viewing China realistically, without But it will be in a position in the

By Peter W. Rodman

micks such as "de-targeting" show a lack of seriousness. The Chinese, in their stra-

tegic planning, are not so sen-timental. Some Chinese military writings openly identify the United States as "the opponent." China is buying advanced Russian weapons designed to counter American military power. These include quiet submarines, supersonic anti-ship missiles built to attack the Aegis-class destroyers and cruisers that are the brain of American naval power, and torpedoes that home in on the wake of ships, specifically, American aircraft carriers.

China is a weak military power by U.S. standards, and will remain so for some time.

either panic or illusion. Gim- near term to raise the costs, risks and inhibitions for an American president in any crisis in the Taiwan Strait or the South China Sea.

Around China's periphery are friends and allies that the United States is committed to defend. The U.S. Navy has enjoyed an easy monopoly of power in this region for 50 years. China's new ability to complicate America's freedom of action will amount to a significant geopolitical shift. Moreover, "de-targeting"

current intercontinental ballistic missiles presumably does not imply any slowdown in China's active development of two new generations of more advanced, solid-fuel ICBMs to detect Stealth aircraft and with multiple warheads. In the longer term, Chinese

that relies on this stuff. They are looking hard, for example, at ways to cripple an opponent's information systems with jamming, viruses, electromagnetic pulses and so on. They are also working on radar

techniques that are better able

what the Pentagon calls the

"revolution in military affairs"

- the supercomputers and

telecommunications that are

transforming the future battle-

field into a contest of precision-

guided munitions, Stealth air-

craft, communications satel-

The Chinese know that they

are generations behind the

United States in this area. But

they are zeroing in on the vul-

nerabilities of a superpower

lites and other exotic systems.

strategists are avid students of to devise effective counterstrategies and maintain military primacy in the Western Pacific, as well as to preserve the credibility of its alliances and commitments. A constructive political relationship with China over the long term in-

deed depends on this. Engagement, dialogue and buman rights principles are important elements of policy. The administration would enhance domestic support for its ap-proach to China if it could demonstrate that seriousness about security, too, is part of our national strategy.

The writer, director of national security programs at the Nixon Center, is author of "Be-tween Friendship and Rivalry: China and America in the 21st oo anti-satellite weapons. Century." He contribute to The New York Times. Century." He contributed this

# Consider the Record of 'Popular Capitalism' in America

By Felix G. Rohatyn

PARIS — My purpose bere is not to argue for the American model of economic and social structure. But I believe that it is of interest to any city or country wishing to become a dominant factor in the financial

have undoubtedly been a sig-nificant factor in what Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan calls the "virtuous cycle" of America's economic growth.

More Americans are now invested in the markets than ever before, and stock ownership is not limited to a small wealthy class. At the end of 1997, 44 percent of U.S. families had direct or indirect stock holdings, as opposed to 31 percent in 1989. According to the Federal Reserve, the value of those boldings had reached \$9 trillion as opposed to \$2.5 trillion at the start of the decade. They amounted to 42 percent of the financial assets of American families.

More interestingly, the increase is spread among all in-

WARSAW — It is com-monplace now for for-

eign policy watchers to be-

moan the lack of a coherent,

consistent Western strategy to

deal with the world after the

Cold War. The sense of a uni-

fying Soviet threat has been

replaced by the evocation of

too many threats of assorted

So it is useful to have some

careful reflection on "Inter-

national Relations and De-

mocracy," the subject of a

conference sponsored by Po-

land's Stephan Batory Foun-

dation, the U.S. International

Forum for Democratic Stud-

ies, and Taiwan's Institute for

The German diplomat Mi-

chael Libal calls the current

focus on one crisis at a time

is not much context or con-

tinuity as we veer from Bosnia

to Iraq to Kosovo, beyond the

recognitioo that the Western

powers do have an interest in

stopping the spread of war and

that the spread of democracy

and prosperity must be the

foundation for stability.

Mr. Libal points out that the

'Euro-Atlantic community'

functions rather like empires

once did, without a Caesar or

Napoleon at the top but with

the capacity to act with one

voice and one sword when de-

sired. That "conceotration of

power" brings a "tremendous

amount of responsibility," he

says, but it is accepted or

shrugged aside in haphazard, unpredictable ways until the

crisis is too urgent to be ig-nored, which means too dif-

More by Europe's default

ficult to handle easily.

'spastic diplomacy." There

National Policy Research.

dimensions and credibility.

The writer is U.S. ambassador to France. come groups. Stocks now rep-resent a greater share of capitalism in the United States

personal wealth than homes, and individual investors are The wealth effects of what now the biggest holders of call 'popular capitalism' American stocks and bonds. For an increasing number of

middle- and lower-income Americans, investing in the market is seen as an essential component of achieving the im- health insurance. Federal, state portant goals of owning a home, and private insurance programs in Japan, Indonesia, South Ko-dom House by Bertelsmann providing for their children's education and ensuring a dignified retirement. Someday markets are likely

to turn down, and popular capitalism will encounter some difficult moments. Despite that possibility, it is now a general perceptioo that, over long periods of time, and despite large fluctuations, the returns oo equities in the United States have significantly outperformed any other investments.

I would expect that, barring some unexpectedly serious and

A Strategy for the Democracies

By Flora Lewis

than by U.S. insistence

America has emerged as the

decisive leader in dealing with

Some speak of hegemony,

and argue, as Zbigniew Brzez-

inski has done, that America's

capacity for dominance must

be preserved for a generation

or so until the world system

evolves into a more orderly

structure. Others denounce

what they consider American

arrogance and seek to extend

the concept of democracy

from one-man-one-vote for

individuals to one-state-ooe-

vote for members of the

That does oot work, for

many reasons, a major one be-

ing the fact that too many

states are not democracies at

all, or are illiberal democra-

cies that suppress minorities

and threaten neighbors. De-

mocracy cannot just be defined by elections, although

elections assuring the people a

right to decide oo the use of

collective power are an es-

sions and degrees of democra-

cy, which affect the way states

deal with each other. Demo-

versal principle, but it is necessarily geographical, with clearly fixed borders because

that is how electoral constitu-

It contributes, as the Amer-

ican scholar Robert Cooper

has shown, to forces for dis-

integration of states, as minor-

ity groups seek independence

or at least autonomy. But it

encies can be drawn.

cracy is advanced as a uni-

And there are different ver-

United Nations.

sential condition

the empire's periphery.

is here to stay. However, it would be fool-

hardy for Americans to rely solely on the stock markets for their entire social protection. Our system includes an important safety net to provide Americans with old-age security as well as provide the safety net.

The belief, quite widespread in Europe, that America focuses on growth at the expense of social protection is quite wrong. Popular capitalism does oot require this type of choice. On the contrary, in the long run it is impossible to have satisfactory social protection without economic growth to provide the financing.

Social protection and economic growth are Stamese twins, and we treat them as such. President Bill Clinton's

can also contribute to cooper-

ative integration, as Western

Europe bas managed so fruit-

fully in the European Union

- and so magnetically. Al-

most all the outsiders want in,

not only for the material ben-

efits but because membership

Of course, democracy is no

helps consolidate democracy.

guarantee against bad mis-

judgment, crime, violence.

But its demand for transpar-

Above all, democracy of-

fers the easiest, most peaceful and usually most effective

way to correct the errors that

human beings can be counted

oo to make. The arguments

about whether democracy is

best for all societies would be

better resolved if this were

There is disorderly thinking

in the way people are casting

about for threats to replace the

Soviet Union, or possibly

China, as the justification for continuing to organize demo-cracies in fulfilling the respon-sibilities of their "empire." In-

stability, ethnic conflict, crime,

terrorism and environment are among the dangers jumbled on

the list, as if they were both

There is a web of inter-re-

lated problems, political, eco-

oomic, military and environ-mental, and the simple

guideline must be to seek what

elps without causing greater

That actually is a strategy. It

is oot necessary to evoke fan-astic threats. Democracy is a

foundation that can give self-

confidence in facing the de-

mands of a changing world.

equal and disconnected.

unintended damage.

kept in mind.

ency is a potent defense.

Global capital can be a very positive force, as it has been in America. It can also be terribly harsh discipline, as it has been in Asia. In addition to punishing reckless financial behavior, it punishes dangerous security be-

As Thomas L. Friedman pointed out recently (IHT Opinion, June 24), while the focus has been on the financial crises rea and Thailand, and while many countries refused to sanction India as a result of its nuclear tests, the capital markets provided that sanction promptly. Standard & Poor's downgraded the outlook for India from "stable" to "negative," thereby raising India's borrow-

ing costs immediately. The Bombay Stock Exchange slid from 4,300 to 3,000, and the rupee lost, 10 percent against the dollar. Diplomacy may be forgiving, but the capital markets are not. They have

to be treated with great care. Why should this be of interest to France or to any other European country? Possibly because popular capitalism has created a political dynamic in my country

which is worthy of note. In large part, because of their broad ownership of corporate America, Americans are more supportive and understanding of the need for fiscal and monetary prudence. They support a balanced budget. They are more supportive of open trade, although they recognize that it can be painful. They favor an economic climate of low taxes

and high growth rates. They see common interests between labor and managemeot, and while seeking fairness, they understand the need for profitability. They also support the oeed for a sophisticated financial regulatory system as a Financial Forum.

economic and social philo-sophies are reflected in these policies.

Global capital cap be a very

The widespread ownership of equities by the American public has made foreign ownership of American enterprises a noncontroversial issue except in unusual security-related areas. Europe has for a long time

been the major foreign investor in the United States. However, a transaction such as the acquisition of Chrysler by Daimler-Benz, or the acquisition of Ranwould have attracted significan political attention a decade ago, as opposed to the general support it has found at present. This is one of the results of popular capitalism in its American form.

Although France and Germany are clearly more open to foreign direct investment than ever before, I question whether such transactions, in the reverse direction, with a major German or French company as a target, would find similar acceptance at this time.

This type of issue is likely to come np more frequently with the adoption of the euro, and the reaction to such a trend will be a factor in the evolution of the European marketplace.

Popular capitalism, if and when it happens here, obviously will have to be responsive to European cultural and social priorities. It could be an answer to Europe's search for a "third way." Indeed, it may be the best way to give people the know-ledge as well as the responsibility of being part owners of

their country.
This, in turn, would enable political leaders to have a more realistic economic dialogue with their voters.

This comment has been adapted by the International Herald Tribune from an address on Thursday to the 1998 Europlace

### IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1898: Paper Strike NEW YORK — The stereotypers

of Chicago chose the moment of supreme interest in the war news to strike, with the result that the Windy City this morning [July 2] is without a single, solitary newspaper. The stereotypers asked that their hours of labor be reduced from eight to seven a day and that wages be increased. The publishers utterly declined to consider the proposition, and after much bitter liscussion a strike was ordered. Work in newspaper offices all over the city practically ceased for the night. Editors abandoned their desks and talked in excited groups

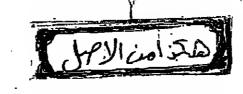
of the situation. 1923: Alaskan Ties

PARIS -- [The Herald says in an Editorial:) Political wise-acres will not miss the opportunity afforded by the coming Presidential visit to Alaska of connecting it with American hopes and aims of

developing closer relations with the neighboring continent. American effort in this remote corner of the New World contains every encouragement for the future. The United States has not ceased to accumulate evidence there of its capacity for developing the desert comers of the earth.

1948: Berlin Supply FRANKFURT — American

and British officials predicted today [July 2] that enough food would be flown into Berlin to supply the basic needs of 2,000,000 Germans in the western sectors if the Russian ground blockade remains in force. The American supply line to Berlin is rapidly expanding in what may be the most spectacular and largest movement of cargo by plane in history. Brigadier General Joseph Smith compared the supply line favorably with any concerted movements by air during war time.



### OPINION/LETTERS

# Unconventional Leaders Rise on a Wave of Anger

By Keith D. Suter

Sydney — A wave of anger is sweeping through many Western societies. The target is the failure of governments to satisfy the demands of their citizens, and this is compled with a search for scapegoats. Jean-Marie Le Pen bas capitalized on this anger in France, neo-Nazi groups in Germany and white militia organizations in the United States.

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Pauline Hanson's One Nation party in Australia is part of this global phenomenon. The politics of anger that her party taps into has three main sources.

The first is the process of economic globalization. The Australian government appears to be overshadowed by the power of transnational corporations, the world's main economic force. There is common concern that foreign

the value of the Australian dollar. There has not been happening in secrecy. Yet the process has been ignored by is also a high level of unemployment. Those with jobs are working longer hours. Meanwhile, the heads of corporations are paid very large salaries, irrespective of how well their companies perform. The rich are gening richer

and the poor are getting nowhere.

Second, people are angry at being taken by surprise by all that is happening. Television news programs are brief, colorful and laden with emotion, but short of facts and lacking analysis of underlying trends.

The process of globalization has

been gathering pace for years. There has been no grand conspiracy and it

Yet the process has been ignored by the Australian mass media in preference to stories of sport, sex and entertainment. Now that the full force of globalization is striking home, there is confusion among people: they have been caught unprepared for change.

Third is a lack of effective political leadership and communication. Polities has become a branch of the television entertainment industry: colorful, superficial and a form of diversion. Politics is a type of sport, where the discussion is not so much based on ideas as on who will win. Politicians tell people what they

want to hear rather than what they

need to know. What people have needed to know is that the process of globalization is under way, traditional ideas of the role of national government are no longer relevant, and there is a limited capacity for any government to do much to slow the overall pace of global change.

The lack of conventional political leadership has created a vacuum into which unconventional leaders like Pauline Hanson have moved.

The writer, who teoches internotional politics and economics at the universities of Sydney and New South Wales, is chairman of the Austrolian Association of the Club of Rome. He contributed this comment to the International Herald Trihune.

from the cosmopolitanism of

By the time of the next elec-

tions, One Nation's policies

may prove to be unamractive

even to many of the Australi-

ans who currently profess sup-

port for the party. It is certainly

in the national interest that

Mrs. Hanson's racist band-

wagon be halted before it

causes more harm to the coun-

try's international links and to

Asian immigrants who have so

enriched Australian society.

Australia has never had a

worse press in Asia. Investors

from the region may shy away.

Asian tourists and students are

already thinning out, although

that may also be caused by the

economic crisis in East Asia.

Much more serious con-

sequences are likely to occur if

One Nation becomes more

Mrs. Hanson is setting out

now to stop what she calls the

Asianization of Australia, She

may not succeed, but she has

already gravely damaged the carefully cultivated and mu-

tually beneficial ties with

Asia that the major political parties have established in the

past 30 years under a hipar-

tisan policy that until now was

The writer, a former Asia

correspondent for Australian

and British newspopers, con-

tributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

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With the rise of One Nation,

the major cities.

lems, drugs and crime among Australia's Deep North, cut off

# Of Course, the Raj Is Long Gone, But Oh-So-Select Clubs Carry On

By Sunanda K. Datta-Ray C INGAPORE — A simmering contro- Calcutta Club to mollify Indians who could

O versy over the racial balance of Singapore's smart Tanglin Club, whose members include both Asians and Europeans, fills me with a sense of déja vu: Similar arguments over indigenization dragged on in India for many years after the British colonial rulers left, recalling George Orwell's claim that the European club was the spiritual citadel of every Indian town, the real seat of power, and "the nirvana for which native officials and millionaires pine in pain."

Mr. Orwell was, of course, an officer in the Indian Police before he became a suc-

### MEANWHILE

cessful writer, and Singapore was governed from India when the British founded the Tanglin Club 133 years ago.

Asians have always had a love-hate relationship with institutions of the Rai, and though hiographers of Jawaharlal Nehru claim that his immensely rich father spurned the then whites-only Allahabad Club, less patriotic legend hints that his exclusion from that Orwellian nirvana may have nudged Nehru senior into becoming a nationalist.

Clubland never was reconciled to the Nehrus. Eric Newby, the English travel writer, says that in 1963, when he sought a room at the club in Kanpur — where "from behind the neatly trimmed hedges came the cries of 'Oh, good shot!' and 'Well played!' of sahibs and memsahibs, most of them Indian, at tennis" — the secretary, also Indian, said tersely that a member would have to propose him.

"We have a lener of introduction from Mr. Nehru," countered Mr. Newby. "The prime minister is not a member of the Kanpur Club," was the chilly retort.

The Tanglin Club, too, has a tradition of guarding entry so jealously that when an agitated janitor rushed to the secretary, white naturally, during World War II to report that a pair of officers from the victorious Japanese army darkened the door, the incredulous Briton reportedly asked: "They are not members, are they?"

When I was put up for membership of the Calcutta Club, an applicant with his proposer or seconder (sometimes both) had to run the gauntlet of the committee members, each regally ensconced at a small table. Arriving early for the ritual, my proposer, an Old Etonian Englishman who had made Calcutta his home, took me to the bar upstairs where we humped into local nobility, the Maharajah of Burdwan, resplendent in brocade smoking jacket, who was also a committee member. "I can only see you downstairs,"

he said, hospitably offering me a drink. The British started the racially mixed not cross the threshold of the august Bengal Club, which was undoubtedly the grandest in an empire on which the sun never set because, whispered the irrevetent, God could not trust it in the dark. The novelist John Masters assures us that there is no truth in the rumor of three members dying of apoplexy when they read at breakfast one morning that India would soon be independent. But the American colonel, a World War II honorary member, who peeped into the smoking room after lunch. might well have exclaimed: Gee, back home we send them to the mortuary!

The Bengal Club was not just white; it interpreted "all gentlemen received in general society," the definition of members, to mean only superior sahibs like the viceroy, his councilors, governors, the army top brass, and high court judges. Lesser sahibs, especially those in trade, had to be content with the Saturday Club, which, too, is still going strong but with Indian members. So is the Bangalore Club, which proudly displays the bill for a few rupees that Winston Churchill never paid, and the Ootacamund Club, where a young subaltern invented snooker while pottering with the cue and balls one lazy afternoon in 1875.

This was the elite brotherhood of Pax Britannica. My Bengal Club membership allows me to use other bastions of old-time privilege like the Hong Kong Club and the Hong Kong Overseas Bankers Club, the Athenaeum Club in Melbourne, and sundry other clubs from Mombasa to Vancouver. The network survives because imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, and Britain's cultural legacy has outlasted dominion over palm and pine. Even hiccups, as at the Tanglin Club, highlight how much clubs remain part of the local scene.

A bright young spark is sometimes asked to leave sprawling Gymkhana Club in New Delhi or the pillared Adyar Club in Madras for flouting the dress code. Politicians then denounce colonial starch. Clubland fears a siege. But the storm blows over. People would feel bereft if these relics of the past were swept away, leaving them with no yardstick of social acceptance and no totems to protest against.

Post-imperial Asians do not go along with Groucho Marx's refusal to join any club that would have him. It would be more apposite to adapt Oscar Wilde's Lady Bracknell: Only those who can't be members speak disrespectfully of clubs. The Raj is dead, long live the Raj.

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# Australians Need to Halt This Party's Racist Bandwagon

MELBOURNE — In the past 40 years, minor parties of the center-left and retain that support it could win welcome provided they were ical scene. They failed to win must be held by mid-1999. seats in the House of Representatives, but under the electoral system of proportional representation in the Senate they got enough votes to put occasional roadblocks in the path of government leg-

left-of-center Democrats and the environmentalist Greens In effect, One Nation would seems to be fading, the One have the right of veto over all legislation a situation that could Nation party — rightist, racīst, legislation, a situation that could protectionist and isolationist — be corrected constitutionally has emerged to throw Australia's politics into disarray and disfigure its image in Asia.

Led by Pauline Hanson,

One Nation shocked the political establishment by winning Il seats and nearly a quarter of the vote in recent state elections in Queensland. Latest more than 12 percent. If it can surer goods, Immigrants were new people brought prob- and tourism but has remained

center have appeared tempo- a dozen Senate seats in the rarily on the Australian polit-next general election, which

If that happens, responsible government in Canberra will become a nightmare, irrespect-ive of which major political that its future lay not in retaining a semicolonial relationship with the governing coalition of the Britain that was no longer feas-conservative Liberal Party of ible, but in developing close islation in the upper house. Australia and National Party of relations with its Asian neigh-Now, as the influence of the Australia or the opposition bors. The White Australia Australian Labor Party.

only by a double dissolution of both houses of Parliament - a move that might make the situ- schools and universities. ation worse by giving the new party substantial representation

in both chambers. tralia was one of Britain's market gardens. It provided wool, economies, to the point where opinion polls show that nameat, grain and dairy products, nearly 60 percent of Austral tionwide support for the 15- while Britain supplied Aus- an exports now go to Asia. month-old party has risen to tralia's manufactured con-

white and came predominantly from Britain. Few Australians knew anything of Asia.

A dramatic change in orientation started in the late 1960s a semicolonial relationship with policy was jettisoned. Immigrants started to come

from across Asia. Defense links were established with the region. Asian tourists flocked to Australia's resorts. and Asian students to its After the rise of Japan as an economic power, trade quickly gathered momentum Before World War II, Aus- and spread to include all the other fast-growing Asian nearly 60 percent of Australi-

them. But overwhelmingly the results were beneficial. How, then, to explain the One Nation backlash? In part, Mrs. Hanson has attracted all the worst of the

right-wing extremist groups, the deep-dyed racists brought up in the days of the White Australia policy, the anti-Semites, the gun luhhy angered by the government's ban on military-type weapons. Other support, attracted by her specious promises of cheap government loans and protection from foreign imports, has come from rural areas suffering from a protracted drought and serious unemployment.

Mrs. Hanson has also profited from media coverage that initially was out of all proportion to her significance and from public dissatisfaction with the major political parties.

That the first phase of success for her party came in Queensland was not cause for surprise. The state has benefited Inevitably, the influx of from heavy Asian investment

continue on. This is the view of

Until politicians start an honest debate and direct traffic back onto the immigration middle road we shall continue to see civil turbulence in many directions. One must accept the premise that immigration

Immigration controls estabdirections, chaotic flows of effective, yet open. Those traffic can be expected, caus- wishing to immigrate will have

The writer is o border manogement consultant based in Budopest. He contributed this comment ta the Internotional

During the last few years, migration to Germany has been higher than that to the United States. For example, 1.1 million people came to Germany in 1995, whereas only 720,000

It is clear that we cannot cope with the unbridled flow in the sidekick joined him. He, too. long term. We must understand that the world's problems cannot be resolved within the confined territory of the Federal force the principles of self- did a thug takeoff. The park Republic of Germany alone. The aim of our policy, not only was about to close, and the that of Germany but of the entire European Union and leaders

> - German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, in an address in Berlin last March 31 to the Trilateral Commission.

# The Immigration Road Needs Yellow Lights

BUDAPEST — Immigra-tion is a worldwide social just waiting to boil over.

migration advocacy an industry employing many thousands.

for all of the world's soci-

A Kosovo Formula

Belgrade if necessary.

case of noncompliance.

The only sensible solution

for Kosovo is well-managed

independence, gained from Yugoslavia through negoti-

### By Thomas A. Tass

cient and universal right of ever more new arrivals. Political activists of the left .humanity and should not be and the right have at times controlled to any great extent.

rights lawyers, visa consult-The portents are negative ants and policy lobbyists.

eties, unless common sense is came the advice and dogma that their leftist counterparts have with care and caution. Immigration can be bad because utilized.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

tions to help others fulfill their own. BERNARD HENRY. Garches, France.

### Emptying the Park

ation, with strong backing from the West including Strolling through the Tuilerics Gardens early one evening threats of sanctions against on a recent vacation in Paris, we There would then need to were startled by harsh shouts. be a Dayton-style process of In the distance, a man accompanied by a fierce-looking dog was screaming at a bewildered demilitarization and democratization involving all relevant international instituyoung couple. We assumed the tions, again including the man to be demented. Not so. possibility of sanctions in

A moment later, a scowling The West's failure to enhad a dog at his side. He, too, determination, democracy and human rights started the grounds pronto. They did. we in the Balkans. The only LESTER GORN. way to extinguish it is for the West to stand by its aspira-

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phenomenon of gigantic pro- the philosophy that immigra- any host community cannot be that maintain that controls only portions, hubbling away and tion is good, that it is an an-stretched endlessly to support Conservatives did agree

with liberals that without implayed fast and loose with the In this view, to say otherwise migration control, xenosocial fabric of communities is xenophobic and racist.

To promote this philosophobic as resembled of the world scommunities as resembl with advocacy groups, civil Conservatives have de-rights lawyers, visa consult- veloped an immigration-coutrol industry, with the same flows will and must occur. But From conservative thinkers institutional trappings that the flow will have to proceed

> On a highway that has only green lights turned on in all ing all manner of problems. On the other hand, if the

highway is equipped with lights always stopping traffic from proceeding from whatever direction, it will inspire legions of law-breakers who will do whatever it takes to get across the intersection and Herold Tribune.

immigration advocacy groups encourage illegal migration.

lished by receiving communities will have to be made more Publishing Group. to wait their turn until the road can be improved and the traffic lights made functional again.

THE world's population will grow from 6 hillion today to an estimated 8 billion by the year 2020. This will trigger greater migration to wealthy countries and represents an enormous challenge for Germany in particular.

people emigrated to the United States.

two guards aimed to clear the all over the world, must be to help people in their own countries and offer them a future there.

### **BOOKS**

### **CUILTY BY REASON OF** INSANITY:

A Psychiatrist Explores the Mind of Killers.

By Dorothy Otnow Lewis. 301 pages. 5. Fowcett Colum

Reviewed by

Christopher Lehmann-Haupt WHEN Dorothy Omow Lewis was a little girl, she was one of those bright, lonely children who are picked on by their peers for being vulnerable. Like anyone, she would sometimes fan-

tasize vinlent revenge. Of course, she would never go beyond mere daydreams, but she would wonder what made her different from the people she heard about who acted out their fantasies.

As she recounts in her compelling study of violence, "Guilty by Reason of Insanity: A Psychiatrist Explores the Mind of Killers," this question set her on a career course that led her first to attend medical school to become a psychoanalyst; then to create a clinic to study violent children; then to team up with a neurologist to interview killers on death row and eventually to write the present book, in which she reveals wby certain people step over a line and commit the depraved acts that normal people only think about

Lewis was searching for born killers, people who deserved to die for their misdeeds. But what she says she found instead were killers whose minds had been horrifically abused.

First there was Lee Anne Jameson, a 13-year-old who asked to be excused from school because of a bad feeling she was having, and after being refused suddenly stabbed and killed her best friend.

Theo there was Marie Moore, a 52-

by Tony, a 14-year-old, and who tor-tured and murdered Belinda Weeks, another teenager. Most appallingly, there was Johnny Frank Garrett, a 17-year-old who sneaked into a convent and raped and murdered an elderly nun.

In these cases and others, Lewis says, she and her colleague gradually dis-covered that the killers were doing to others as had been done to them. They found that each was brain-damaged and had suffered terrifying sexual abuse. Each had acted unconsciously without any rational knowledge of what he or

she had done. She argues that each was insane by any reasonable definition. Yet in the cases where these killers had been convicted and condemned to death, courts hearing the results of the author's examinations refused to concede mitigating circumstances and grant clemency. The killers were treated as if they knew what they were doing.

The most terrifying passages in Lewis's book deal with what she describes as the unearthing of multiplepersonality disorders, which for a long time, she says, she had trouble recognizing simply because their diagnosis was unfashionable.

But she gradually was able to tease forth the alternate identities her subjects had created to take on their pain in moments of suffering like being raped as little children by their parents or like having their naked buttocks placed on a red-hot stove.

It was these so-called alters, like "Billy" in Marie Moore and "Aaron Shockman" in Johany Garrett, who were able to describe the murders their hosts had committed and to admit their own direct or indirect complicity in them. Yet juries hearing Lewis's testimony in these cases were not impressed.

'Guilty by Reason of Insanity'' is a bit of a cheat in that it leads the reader to

year-old who became sexually enslaved anticipate examinations of Ted Bundy. the serial killer, and Mark David Chapman, John Lennon's murderer, both of whom Lewis has interviewed. But she then fails to deliver them, possibly for legal reasons. The book also rambles somewhat and here and there repeats

But in its most pointed passages it cogently questions the responsibility of, mentally damaged people for their crimes and asks whether the death penalty, particularly for children, is everjustified.

A psychiatrist at Bellevue Hospital in Manhattan, a professor at New York . University School of Medicine and a clinical professor at Yale University Child Study Center, she has made it her. mission to find an example of a remorseless killer deserving of capital punishment. But so far as her book documents her search she has consistemly failed.

She finds no individuals able to kill . repeatedly whose "only psychopathology, if you could call it that, is a lack of empathy for other human beings." Even her interview with a professional executioner reveals in its evidence of childhood abuse and patterns of psychouc thinking another example of someone unconsciously doing unto others as was too early done to him.

As Lewis laments in her conclusion, 'In a given murder, our desire to learn its causes, and the time we are willing 10. spend doing that, are inversely proporuonal to the grisliness of the crime and the pleasure we anticipate deriving from the execution."

All the same, Lewis powerfully re-vives the old liberal belief that no excessively violent crime is commined without a good reasoo. She makes a strong case that capital punishment is little more than another link in a chain of criminal retribution.

The New York Times.

### **CROSSWORD**

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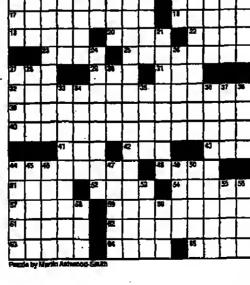
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### **BRIDGE**

By Alan Truscott

FOUR of the country's best teams battled in Tunica, of the International Team Tribe one of two teams that will represent the United States in the next Bermuda Bowl squad. world championship in Bermuda in January 2000.

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against a Cinderella foursome spade promotes the diamond one trump trick. South had led by Brian Gunnell of Jack- queen. sonville, Florida, but pulled

away to win by 39. team by 47. Cayne won by 30 bid. against Seymon Deutsch's

In the replay, Lazard bid and

two hearts, as sbown, and 12 imps. In other matches, the struck gold. His partner, Mississippi, in the semifinals Schwartz team defeated Russ Bramley, had the hand to bid Ekeblad and his team by 27. four hearts and would have als. At stake was the right to Bramley beat Jeff Wolfson's done so whether or not West The hidding guided Lazard

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### INTERNATIONAL

# Early Elections in 1997 Halted France's Long Journey Back Into NATO

By Joseph Fitchett

PARIS - Top-level U.S.-French negotiatioos brought Paris tantalizingly close last year to a return to NATO, but the deal was dashed when President Jacques Chirac of France called and lost early parliamentary elections, according to Western officials.

Back-channel talks in 1997, not reported at the time, took place after a public U.S.-French fight in 1996 about NATO's Southern Command in Naples. The double failure, public and then private, has poisoned U.S.-Freoch relations on security issues in NATO and in crises such as Iraq.

A missed rendezvous with desfiny," said a French policymaker who.

A UN Prober

**Accuses Iraq** 

2 Ayatollahs

two Shiite Muslim clerics in Iraq.

by Iraqi authorities.

took responsibility.

ade was thrown at him.

The two ayatollahs worked as prayer leaders at Najaf's Imam Ali Mosque.

Hundreds of Iranian clerics study and

teach in Najaf and Karbala, holy Shiite

members of the Sunni wing of Islam.

Iraqi officials had repeatedly warned the two clerics to stop leading prayers for

Shiite Muslims, Mr. van der Stoel said.

He added that the victims had been

harassed and that Ayatollah Borujerdi

negative impact on relations with Iraq.

killings thoroughly. In his statement, he

acts committed against any person who

might he perceived as a threat to the Iraqi

'Although the cases concern the

killing of particular persons," he said,

the aim of the killings appears to be a

political one with the objective of si-

lencing dissent and suppressing oppo-sition." (AP. Reuters)

among ordinary Iraqis."

Baghdad responded by denying in-

along with U.S. and NATO officials, agreed in recent interviews to provide an account, on condition of anonymity, of how hadly the dispute damaged long-term U.S.-Freoch cooperation. The sources, six in all, apparently wanted to help lay the groundwork for improved relations.

A huge misunderstanding political misreading and a cultural clash," a NATO official said — derailed the diplomatic process that had France on track to reintegrate the alliance's military command after a 30year absence.

Publicly, the quarrel that blew up in August 1996 concerned U.S. opposition to French ambitions to run NATO's Southern Command in Naples, but the venomous aftermath, the officials said.

The French were carpet-bombed by Washington, often very unfairly, including distortions such as the insinuation that the French were trying to get their hands on the 6th Fleet.'

came from both sides' sense of betrayal. The confusion started with a word—
"generalissimo." Amid U.S. hrainstorming about NATO modernization, what surfaced briefly was the idea of a basically symbolic post to preside over an increasingly complex system of al-liance forces. U.S. officers would continue to hold the operational commands running any NATO military action, while this joh, lofty hut largely formal, could be held by a European.

When he heard about it in July, the

putative new post sounded perfect to President Chirac, who was eager for French officers to get some prestigious NATO slots as a reward for France's rejoining the alliance. He sent Defense Minister Charles Millon to Washington to seek a deal with William Perry, the cretary of defense.

Paris did not anticipate trouble. A few weeks earlier in Berlin, NATO foreign ministers had agreed to establish a European chain of command under the U.S. snpreme commander for the alliance's integrated military structure. This new system, to be headed by a French officer after his country rejoined, would enable the European allies to plan and mount military operations without U.S. troops.

For NATO, it was a bold step but one that was read differently in Paris and Washington. In the U.S. view, it was a final concession to France, granted only because Germany and, unusually, Britain insisted on this compromise. The White House overrode Pentagon objections when London said that the deal would consecrate the new NATO, reconciling European polinical ambitions and U.S. military power inside the alliance.

But French diplomats read the deal as a first small step toward greater Euro-pean prominence in NATO. French dip-

BRIEFLY

ANKARA - The Turkish police will

conduct laboratory tests on suspected nuclear material believed to have been

smuggled across the border from Iran,

"We are going to send the material shortly to the criminal investigation lab-

oratories in Istanbul or Ankara," a po-

ice officer said in the eastern town of

The police seized the material in 13

glass tubes along with six people, in-cluding an Iranian, on the basis of an

informant's tip.

The material was found in a suspect's

another official as having said: "The

Other international links are being

investigated, security officials said.

house in the town, the officer said. The Anatolian News Agency quoted

a fee of \$1,000 per tube."

security officials said on Thursday.

### road of Europeanizing NATO. Of course, ideas on the subject - including the one about a generalissimo — lingered in the rarefied air of Wash-

ington think tanks after the administration had moved on. So trans-Atlantic misunderstanding deepened in August 1996 when Mr. Perry let Mr. Millon down gently about the generalissimo idea. As a French official recalls it. "Perry, always a gen-tleman, was polite but not blunt." Mr. Millon registered that the idea had been

lomats had missed clues in June in Ber-lin, where the normally straitlaced

Warren Christopher, the U.S. secretary of state, used expletives in his coun-

terparts' hearing to express his anger with a deal that he felt he was being

forced to sign under the combined pres-sure of the European allies.

The Clinton administration was de-

termined not to go any farther down the

shelved, without grasping that it had never been taken seriously among policymakers or Congress. His report, the source said, led Mr. Chirac to conclude mistakenly that since he had nearly won a European joh at the top, he would have no problem getting an operational NATO command for France. When he received a letter in mid-August 1996 from President Bill Clinton about the alliance's agenda, Mr.

Chirac wrote back confidently, asking

for the Southern Command in Naples.

Washington was stunned. The Clinton administration was focused on NATO enlargement and felt that it had one the extra mile in Berlin. Why was France harping on command slots again? U.S. policymakers wondered resentfully. Alarmingly, a White House aide said, France was raising an issue

hiable to jeopardize congressional sup-port for NATO enlargement.

Already, such influential Republicans as Senator John Warner of Virginia were worried that enlargement might water down the alliance. "He certainly would have opposed enlargement if we had disclosed radical changes in the NATO command structures at that point," the aide said.

Against this background, the Chirac letter to Mr. Clinton was leaked by the Americans to the Italian government as a way of making it public. Within hours. a NATO official recalled, "the French were carpet-bombed by Washington, often very unfairly, including U.S. distortions such as the insinuation that the French were somehow trying to get their hands on the 6th Fleet," which comes

under the Naples command. By fall, both capitals were furious. The Chirac team felt that Washington had reneged on an understanding about high-visibility posts for French officers. The Clinton administration was irate that Paris seemed, inexplicably, to be ignoring U.S. concessions and jeopardizing enlargement.

In September and October, the rift took on a life of its own. Amid a resurgence of stereotypes in Washington about French pushiness and in Paris about U.S. hegemony, any suggestion of compromise was often treated as nearthe alliance was replaying the tug-of-war between the United States and France that had isolated Paris so often in the past — precisely the dynamic that Mr. Chirac had sought to transcend.

The Clinton re-election in November 1996 was a chance for a fresh start, this time in the form of ultrasecret negotime in the form of unrasecret nego-tiations among a score of people, in-cluding a Chirac aide and a few top officials from the U.S. Embassy, the National Security Council, the two NATO missions, the Pentagon and the French Defense Ministry This format worked so well that the

National Security Council official, Donald Bandler, who handled the U.S. end was decorated last week hy his counterpart in the French presidency, Jean-David Levitte, with the Legion d'Honneur. By April last year the two sides had a draft almost ready to be submitted to the two presidents.

Basically, "the command would have been restructured to create a slot for a deputy commander who would have run any land operations in southen. Europe," a U.S. official said. The 6th Fleet's line of command was rearranged to ensure its autonomy. Some U.S. war-ships were to be based in a French Naves, port, Toulon, as part of a force that could have been under French command.

French military confidence was high enough for a top officer to start learning English in preparation for a senior NATO command, which would have been the first such assignment since de Gaulle withdrew in 1966 from NATO's military structure.

But the compromise was never tested. The initiative collapsed when Mr. Chirac sought to vanquish his domestic political difficulties with a snap parliamentary election.

The May vote went against the conservative incumbents, forcing Mr. Chirac to share power with a Socialist-led government. In that climate, the French leader dismissed any thought of pursuing a bold diplomatic initiative such as a return to NATO.

These unpublicized events help explain otherwise mysterious recent developments in European security. For example, Britain, Germany and Italy, which initially sympathized with French views on Europeanizing NATO. reverted to their old suspicions of Paris when Mr. Chirac seemed to press his demands unreasonably far.

As a result, a law-and-order crisis in Albania last year, an easy challenge for Europe to seize on as a first joint military operation, saw European governments shy from any formal cooperation.
Instead, the trisis was solved by an

informal coalition led by Italy.
In most officials' view, the NATO issue cannot be reopened with Francheaded of the alliance's 50th anniversary next year. That event will bring in new members, notably Poland, and line up officers from these countries for influential jobs, with France still excluded.



SITDOWN SLOWDOWN — Nurses sitting at a busy New Delhi intersection Thursday to call attention to low salaries and poor working conditions. Delhi demonstrators frequently block streets and snarl traffic.

# Shite Muslims and Kurds represent the majority of Iraq's 22 million people, but the government is largely made up of Hollywood Defends American 'Culture'

### We're Not Imperialistic, Only Responding to Market, Movie Barons Say

had survived two attacks, one in which ministers to ask their own people why After Ayatollah Gharavi was killed, they prefer American movies and music lack of Universal Studios and a former

Iran cautioned that the death could have to homegrown varieties. The entertainment industry here refused to be portrayed as the villain after ministers from 20 Western, Asian and would do their best to apprehend the African nations formed an alliance to Mr. van der Stoel said, however, that stem the rising tide of U.S.-made Iraq had so far failed to investigate the movies, television and music.

The making of movies must be mar-ket-driven, said Make Marando, spokesstressed that their deaths must be viewed in the context of previous threats, the special roles of the two as leading members of the Shite religious community in cultural imperialism. We see it as a mar
"Why don't they could be the shifter religious community in cultural imperialism. We see it as a mar-Iraq and a "history of similar terrorist ketplace issue.

ture, Sheila Copps, who was host at the to see?" he asked. "If you make a good government — in particular because of Ottawa conference earlier this week, their independence or their popularity said that approach was precisely the problem.

"Diversity in culture is at the very heart of our national identity," she said. We can't treat culture like just another commodity." Studio executives and film critics acknowledge Hollywood's that U.S. studios have mastered. hegemony but insisted they are only

it can to toster culture. Said Tom Polexecutive of MCA Inc. who is highly regarded in the industry.

But this should not be done by volvement, saying that its authorities a conference in Ottawa in which culture damning other cultures. That won't get you good reviews. People should be able to choose what they want to see."

less diplomatic. "If Europeans were producing better movies instead of intellectual bull," be said, "people would

Why don't they ask people in their own country why they aren't making Canada's minister of heritage and cul-movies that people are willing to pay \$8 movie, people will come."
Emanuel Levi, a film critic for Daily

Variety and a film professor at the University of Arizona, said foreign companies were making good films but were like someone talking on the telenot marketing them in such a way to phone. ensure their success abroad, a formula Miramax, which distributes foreign

LOS ANGELES — Shrugging off charges of cultural imperialism, representatives of the Hollywood and the customer wants, and and independent movies, has proven that aggressively marketing movies such as same. aggressively marketing movies such as Minister Laimonis Strujevich said on "Like Water Like Chocolate" (Mex-Latvian radio after talks with the Russian he was severely beaten and the other in which he was injured when a hand grenwhich he was injured when a hand grenment industry challenged foreign culture
and believe every nation should do what

"I sympathize strongly with the issue ico), "Shall We Dance?" (Japan) and ambassador, Alexander Udaltsov.

The Postman" (Italy) can generate

The sanctions, it appeared, we

uge rewards. "It's all about marketing," said Mr.
Levi of Daily Variety. "Europeans have to take responsibility for strongly marketing their own movies here."

The transportation of goods by train

isters had to be realistic about what Jean-Paul Vignon, of the Hollywood consumers want, but he also lauded Association of French Actors, was much Europe for standing its ground in pro-

> that American movies are superbly duhbed abroad but that foreign movies dubbed here are scriously lacking.
> "I saw 'Terms of Endearment' in

the voice used for Jack Nicholson sounded like him," he said. "When they duh European movies here, the voice sounds

And the dominance of English as the second language worldwide has been a boon to Anglophone filmmakers.

### Latvia Fears Russia Is Starting Sanctions

RIGA, Latvia - The government of Latvia said Thursday that it was worried by signs Russia was starting to carry out a threat to impose sanctions on the Baltic

The threat was made in March amid a dispute over alleged discrimination against Latvia's large Russian minority, who make up about a third of the population but who mostly do not have

Latvian citizenship.
"Several Russian institutions passed decisions which either limit economic conperation with Latvia or recommend. it no longer be continued," Economy Minister Laimonis Strujevich said on

The sanctions, it appeared, were a reaction to a decision to u

The transportation of goods by train Francis Xavier Feeney, a film critic across Latvia between Russia and Baltic and scriptwriter, said the culture minports is reported to account for about 20 percent of the total activity of the Latvi-

### He added that European creations would have added appeal with some simple changes. He noted, for example, that American He noted, for example, Inside Guinea-Bissau

MANSOA, Guinea-Bissau - Battles between government forces and renegade troops escalated in inland areas Spanish and I was amazed at how much Thursday while factional leaders studied each other's conditions for direct peace

Hundreds of people fled the north-eastern town of Mansoa during the night after the rebels warned of an imminent battle against advancing troops from neighboring Senegal who are supporting President Joao Bernardo Vieira. (AP)

# **Israel Performs DNA Tests** To Check Jewish Ancestry

grants whose Jewish parentage is in question have been asked to submit to DNA tests, the Interior Ministry confirmed Thursday.

Community activists called the practice humiliating. They said that dozens of immigrants had already been asked to take the tests and that those who refused

### Mandela Fosters Trade On Visit to Caribbean

CASTRIES, St. Lucia - President Nelson Mandela of South Africa arrived in the Caribbean on Thursday to a warm greeting from schoolchildren waving

flags and the shouts of a large crowd.

'You will not forget that this region porting us in our anti-apartheid campaign, \* he said after his arrival.

Mr. Mandela, hoping to promote

trade, was scheduled to attend a meeting of leaders of the Caribbean Community, or Caricom, the region's 15-member economic alliance, which is celebrating and/or to prevent fraudulent acquisition its 25th anniversary.

He said the Caricom nations' exports to South Africa had grown 40 percent from 1996 to 1997, to about \$108 million.

ment that the tests were administered JERUSALEM - Russian immi- only as a last reson to verify an immigrant's Jewish background.

In one case, the ministry sent a Ukrainian, Vladimir Gordukal, 43, for a DNA test to verify if he was the son of an elderly Jewish man who had testified to immigration officials that he was Mr. Gordukal's father.
"Vladimir Gordukal's hirth certific-

to cooperate risked eventual deportation.
The Interior Ministry said in a stateate lists an entirely different father's name than that of the elderly man who suhmitted oral testimony." the ministry said in a statement. "There was no other proof to link Vladimir to the man described as his father. The Interior Min-istry ordered a DNA test for clarific-

The minister of immigrant absorptioo.
Yuli Edelstein, criticized the move, saying he was not aware the state performed genetic lests on potential immigrants. 'I think it's an offensive way to de

termine the rights of immigrants," said Mr. Edelstein, himself Ukrainian-born.
"If I find out it's true, I'll do everything I can to stop it."

The Interior Ministry said DNA tests were exceptional. "By no means is this a systematic or widespread demand," its offers economic benefits to encourage statement said. The ministry requests genetic tests only wheo it has no other choice "to determine who is eligible

Under Israel's Law of Return, every Jew, defined by the law as someone with



TAKING FLIGHT — A Lehanese cameraman rushing for cover Thursday as Israeli shells hit a village east of Tyre. The shelling followed a Hezbollah guerrilla attack in southern Lebanon that wounded two Israelis.

immigration.

Israel has absorbed about 700,000 immigrants from the former Soviet Union since 1989. Experts have estimated that 60,000 to 200,000 of that number are not

With the economic boom of the at least one Jewish grandparent, is en- 1990s, Israel has become an attractive grants' rights committee, said he has

place to live, and government officials received dozens of complaints about have expressed concern about reports of government requests for DNA testing widespread fraud of documents that allow immigrants to settle in Israel il-

Immigrants, in turn, have complained of humiliating treatment by Israeli au-Alex Tanzer, who heads an immi-

government requests for DNA testing. He said immigrants risk deportation if

they refuse to cooperate.

They need to stop insulting people.

Mr. Tanzer said. "To be asked to have your Jewish genealogy checked is painful. If the testing must be done it should be requested before immigration." (AP, Reuters)

By Karen Emmons

ANGOON - Of all the tips for traveling with children, keeping their cherub hands out of zoo cages prob-ably ranks fairly high. Animal bites are never pleasant. But few can make a single mother on boliday with her 2-yearold soo feel as inept as does a monkey hite in Burma.
"Rabies, AIDS, Ebola, pa-

tient zero" my mind shouted as I followed the stranger (the one who had pried the hand from the monkey's mouth) running with my shricking son to the zoo veterinarian, who insisted that primates are never rahid.

Somehow, a balf-kilometer of gauze and a tetanus shot make a little boy proud of his superficial war wounds and the mother appear like a gallant protectress. The spirit of adventure re-

We ended up ordering pricey French fries at the renovated colonial Strand Hotel in Rangoon, now Yangon, while a British diplomat noted that "wicky-wacky things always happen in Burma," which bas a wooden box for a passenger

or Myanmar, as the ostracized military government calls it. All names that the British colonizers changed a century ago have been officially reverted back, but not always in

conversation. The kite-shaped country with a long tail largely borders western China and Thailand and eastern India. It is a troubled place that can't help being enchanting at the same time. Rudyard Kipling said of Burma, "It will be quite unlike any land you know." People mostly know Burma for the Nobel Peace Prize winner Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, who leads the opposition against the government.



A Pondgyi monk in Rongoon.

Rangoon is orderly, and has an in- cause "the Burmese love children" and credible tension-reducing system for would be less afraid to talk to a foreigner traffic lights: A timer appears under each with a child, the graciousness seemed a colored light to tick off the seconds to the



One of the fabled leg-rowing fishermen of Lake Inle.

tea shops crowded. Many colonial-style buildings are artfully colored, like the terracotta one with baby-blue trim and slate shutters. Fried grasshoppers are sold on street corners.

The few foreigners who live in the capital often are found at 50th Street Bar, which is cozy and hip but pales to a kid who prefers the Burmese restaurants where eating with fingers is stan-

We slept in the Cozy guest hotel, which has no private bath. But the owner and his assistant were so gracious that moving to a more com-fortable place didn't seem

Grace and generosity met us wherever we went. Even though traveling with a child is highly recommended be-

with a child, the graciousness seemed a cultural characteristic. With only a week's time, we opted for the sanitized tourist zone and three

sights easily reached by airplane (flights for children are free). The government had cleared the area of hints of its repression of ethnic insurgency. We were told to expect nothing but nice hreezes, Buddhas, birds and bells. But whispers of discontent floated about.

Fish jumped in the water under our bed at the Viewpoint Floating Hotel, which stands over a tributary of Inle Lake. Nearby was reportedly the world's longest teak

On a trip down the river. our boat passed other boats of boys garishly decorated on the morning they were to be Buddhist

perience; most of the deser-



Shwedagon temple in Rongoon, which the government renamed Yongon os the country shed its colonial past.

(seven kilometers), a sign promised, 'You will see a beautiful lake when you have traveled half a mile from here." the hazy morning, heading toward the floating markets and gardens and the wooden monastery with cats that jump through small hoops, life didn't seem

like it could get any better.

Then the boat motor died, and my son needed a bathroom. The sun hammered down. People passed with adoring smiles maybe we looked funny cowering under an umbrella, going nowhere. But the nervous youth manning the motor eventually beamed triumph.

IN THE CAT TEMPLE Louis Vuitton ads torn from magazines tacked to the posts depicted a refined woman riding in a boat with the fabled leg-rowers of Inle, who paddle standing up with one leg twisted around the oar.

Mandalay offers less than its name conjures up. The world's biggest book,

pages, and the Mandalay Marionettes are amusing enough. But watching the sun set from lifeguard-like chairs outside a mirror-mosaic temple atop Man-

dalay Hill makes the trip worthwhile. For years, no lourists were allowed entry to Burma. Now that its doors have been flung open, the people who support the international trade sanctions imposed on it discourage tourism; they see avoiding travel to Burma as belping in the struggle to bring down the ruling

A lot of locals disagree. "People must come and see it for themselves." said a man of Indian descent who runs a vegetarian café and puppet shop in Mandalay. They should "talk with the ordinary people," he added. "If only so the Burmese will know they haven't been forgotten.

On impulse, he drove us from Mandalay to the hreathtaking ancient city of

five feet tall with 729 chiseled marble Pagan, now Bagan, saying: "You are in, my country. I want to make snre you have a nice time."

Were it not for the telephone wires streaking the landscape, Bagan would seem like a long step back in time. Four hours spent traveling on a horse-drawn cart around brown and terra-cotta temples and stupas, thousands of them. spread over a plain, were captivating.

A brief boat ride up the Irrawaddy (now Ayeyarwady) River, past the muted hues, explained why so many. Burmese are inspired to paint in wa-

In Rangoon, little abstract art is found.

'We need development,'' said one of the few abstract artists,

'If a traveler comes to Burma." added. "be will want to return.

Karen Emmons is a journalist based

# Savoring Seclusion in Skopelos

Quiet Greek Island Is Known for Its 320 Churches

By Nick Stout tional Herold Tribu

KOPELOS, Greece - Lawrence Durrell once quipped that when the Greek inhabitants of Skopelos suffer from insomnia, they count not sheep (for there aren't any on the island) but churches about 320 at last reckoning. But Skopelos, the second largest island of the Sporades in the northern Aegean, is such a quiet place that it is bard to imagine wby anyone couldn't fall asleep. In the cemetery-still bours of early afternoon, when the sun sends everyone to siesta, there is little else to do.

Not only are there no sheep on Skopelos, but there is also no airport, oo Marriott, and, thankfully, no Club Med. Unlike so much of Greece, this island is also rather barren of archeological treasures and therefore appeals more to Afisherman in Skopelos town selling his catch. 'visitors'' than to "tourists."

Apart from the summer photography festival, its main attractions are serenity and seclusion. July and August can be crowded, I'm told, but everything is relative. This is not Ibiza. If you want Snally to read "War and Peace," or schaps write a sequel, Skopelos is surely the place.

Most visitors congregate in Skopelos nown, the principal port and the only center of any real activity on the island. Sooo after sunrise, local fishermen arrive at the harbor in their small wooden boats and prepare to sell their overnight catch to early-morning shoppers. Simultaneously, the oldest men in the village gather at their favorite café unofficially off limits to women - for local philosophizing. By eight o'clock, children with backpacks are skipping to school through the narrow stone-paved streets, and the blocks of cafés along the waterfront are showing signs of life. Sit down for a coffee and you will probably be greeted with a smile and kalimera ood morning. People are friendly here. But find a shady spot, because already the sun is fierce.

Get your business done in the morning because by early afternoon the banks will be closed for the day. From about two to five o'clock the villages are steeped in stillness. Only the big cafés - with their parasols and padded chairs - show any activity. Apart from the beaches, they're the only refuge for visitors who would rather do something else, say, contemplate Kazantzakis, than mentally count churches in midafternoon.

By six o'clock the arts and crafts shops are open again, and the ferries that deposited groups of sunbathers in the morning are now departing again for the mainland or adjacent islands. Iced cofserved in tall glasses, is the drink of the hour. The bustle keeps building, and by nightfall the bars and restaurants are

The island's single paved road, along the western coast, connects Skopelos



Glossa at the northern end. The bus ride

takes about an hour, with stops at vari-

ous beach towns along the way. Glossa

looks big on the map but is actually just

a tiny maze of sloping walkways. The town of about 1,200 people — said to be

perience; most of the deser-ted dwellings look like they were bombed in a war. But today some of the houses are being purchased and renovpresumably by confirmed bermits - creating an interesting bodgepodge of glistening white structures colorfully draped in flowers but surrounded by rubble.
The beaches of Skopelos are not particularly speciac-ular, being more pebbly than sandy, but what's nice about

them is their seclusion. One of my favorites was Agnontas, a 10-minute bus ride outside Skopelos town. Go for a swim in the glassclear water, watch the fishermen paint their boats, and have lunch at one of the tra-

ditional tavernas. Once you've tried the grilled melanouri, a chewy fish of the bream variety, you might not ever want to eat anything else. Why is it that although cucumbers and tomatoes look pretty much the

town with the smaller community of same everywhere, they never taste nearly as good as they do in Greece when served with a slice of feta cheese and those olives as big as prunes? (Speaking of prunes, this island is made of them. Have them for breakfast as a topping on real yogurt the all-fat variety that you can slice with a knife.) Closer to town is the beach on

pure-blooded islanders - rises steeply and overlooks the sea. The twn-story Stafylos, a bay named for the legendary bouses, white-washed with a limestone son of Dionysus and Ariadne and the first king of the island. In 1936, the mixture to keep the flees and lice away, are pretty to look at, but there's more buman activity at the port, Lontraki, 3,500-year-old royal tomb of Stafylos was excavated here along with artifacts three kilometers away. On the way to Glossa, you might stop characteristic of Minoan civilization. at the ghost town of Klima, abandoned Access to Stafylos beach requires a mild in 1965 after an earthquake left it unbut not difficult trek up and dowo a



Village elders congregoting for their morning coffee of their favorite café — normally on oll-men's offoir.

rocky trail. On the other side of a small promontory lies the sandier Velanio beach, where bathing suits are optional. At the riny Glysteri beach, about five kilometers from town on the eastern shore, the single restaurant is worth visiting for its folklore exhibition. Among a host of items portraying traditional Greek island life are a blower used to smoke out bees, making them dizzy so the beekeeper could take the honey," "Karmaniola — a big saw used to cut pines in the shipyards," and a "copper spoon to skim milk for making a kind of softcheese." There is also a campsile bere. A nice way to get to Glysteri is to take a carque from the Skopelos port.

The eastern side of the island is more rugged, with most of the terrain covered with pine forests, olive groves and lemon trees. The roads are not paved and are best navigated by motorbike. (Rental agencies abound.) The reason for making the effort is to visit the secluded monasteries. And, of course, there are all those churches that seem to pop up at

every turn. Whatever mark Dionysus, the god of wine, made in Stafylos, he did not pay much attention to the local drink. Skopelos wine, when you can get it, is rather weak and tasteless. My favorite alternative was Yiannakochori, a rich red from the mainland that is pricey only by island

standards. Dinner menus look the same, hui the end product can vary. I recom-mend the Molos taverna on the waterfront or, for a more elegant touch, The Garden, near the photography center. -

Hotels of all categories, as well as private rooms and apartments, are plentiful. For a list, contact the Skopelos tourist office, (30) 424-23-220.

Daily ferries and hydrofoils depart for Skopelos from the mainland ports of Volos and Ag. Konstantinos, which are linked by hus with Athens. The entire trip can take up to six hours. Alternatively, fly from Athens to the nearby island of Skiathos and take a 45-minute hydrofoil to Skopelos.

# Photography Festival Focuses on the Human Figure

grapher, was appointed director.

"We had to start completely from

scratch," Demos recalls. "No space.

Nothing. And the budget was ex-

tremely low." But be was determined.

By Nick Stout tional Herald Tribun

KOPELOS, Greece - When some representatives of the Musee de l'Elysee in Lausanne came to Skopelos for a vacation a few summers ago, they were so charmed with the island and its people that they decided to return and hold a photo exhibition.

The Musee had sponsored other Mediterranean exhibitions. But in Skopelos it planted the seeds of something more permanent. The first exhibition, in 1994, was the foundation of what has turned into a major annual event. This weekend Skopelos opens its fifth summer photographic festival - a series of first-class exhibitions and workshops that will run through August.

Having already bailt a reputation for excellence in recent years with retrospectives of Robert Capa, Josef handle the subject.

Koudelka and other big names in the The initial exhibition, in 1994, inmedium, the Skopelos festival this year eluded a retrospective of Capa, featuring focuses on the burnan body. more than 130 wartime and other photos taken between 1932 and 1954. The event was successful, but some Greek

'Contemporary photographers never tire of the possible transformations of the body — into animal forms, into landscapes, into . . . the indescribable," writes William Ewing, director of the Musee de l'Elysee and author of the book "The Body," from which the exhibition draws inspiration.

The main exhibit, "The Body in the Mirror," comprising 130 contemporary images, is billed as an "exciting and provocative record of the camera's infatuation with the human figure." Additionally, the "Icons of Nar-

cissus" presents turn-of-the-century images from the Musee Nicephore Niepce in Chalon-sur-Saone, France. A third show, provided by FRAC, a regional foundation in Alsace, shows how 23 modern fine-art photographers

real festival, with a show centering on air projections and no doubt much Eastern Europe. It included 178 images by Koudelka, the recowned Czecb photographer best known for his documentation of the Soviet invasion of photographers woodered why so much . Prague and his essay on Gypsy life. money was being spent to show foreign

photographs instead of domestic talent. AST year Demos called on the So in 1995, the project turned inward Greek-American Costa Manos and featured three prominent Greek to present his widely acclaimed photographers. This led the Culture 1962 book "A Greek Portfo-Ministry to set op a committee to form a lio." Curiously, these images had nevnational policy on Greek photography. er before been shown in Greece. He It resulted in the creation of the Phoalso commissioned the Aegean landtographic Center of Skopelos, a nooscapes of the Swiss photographer Fred Boissonnas from 1900 to 1930 and profit organization to coordinate national and international exhibitions. Herbert List's images of Greek islands John Demos, an accomplished photoin the 1930s. All that in addition to 27 Greek contemporary photographers.

Demos now feels he has succeeded in creating a permanent attraction on Skopelos. The gala opening this weekend includes portfolio reviews of For 1996, he put together the first young photographers, late night open-

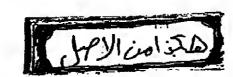
schmoozing among curators and artists. A series of one-week worksbops in Greek and English, most focusing oo an aspect of the human form, will continue through August.

But Demos seems wary of letting the Skopelos festival grow too big.

'I definitely want to differentiate it from the large festivals, such as Arles, where you can get lost seeing a great many exhibitions," be said. "I some-times leave those with a sense of confusion as to what I have seen and what I have retained.

"I want young photographers and the rest of the public to go away richer. The Skopelos festival surely doesn't cover the historical span or even the contemporary span, but it gives an overview that people can play around with."

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# New Airports Without Borders

By Roger Collis International Herald Tribus

OOK a flight to Basel, Switzerland, or Mulhouse, France, and you'll arrive at the same airport — EuroAirport Basel-Mulhouse-Freihurg — right at the borders of Switzerland, France and Germany in the Upper Rhine Valley. (Flight guides list Basel and Mulhouse separately; unwitting travelers often ask about flights between the two.)

Four million people live within 60 minutes of the airport. The airport is 6.3 miles (about 10 kilometers) from Basel. t6 miles from Mulhouse and 46 miles from Freihurg in the southwestern corner of Germany. Zurich will he 45 minutes away when a new highway is completed.

EuroAirport will serve nearly three million passengers this year (about 40 percent each from France and Switzerland and 20 percent from Germany) with 12 airlines currently offering more than 45 scheduled flights to 92 destinations in 25 countries.

The airport is home to Crossair — the regional subsidiary of Swissair which plans to develop Euro Airport as a regional huh for people who wish to travel between, say, Nuremberg and Bilbao, or Dresden and Toulouse, thus saving time and avoiding the misery of changing planes at megahuhs like Amsterdam. Brussels, Frankfurt, London, Paris or Zurich, which give priority to long-haul connections.
"EuroCross" is a new strategy that

provides 520 connections a day between 33 cities through EuroAirport with a 'guaranteed' connecting time of 20 minutes. Crossair aims to have 1.000 daily connections between 48 European destinations by 2000.

GROWTH OF BUSINESS TRAVEL Moritz Suter, president and chief executive of Crossair, in Basel, said: "We are seeing the higgest change in the history of Europe — the hirth of a European economy with cross-participation of companies of all sizes in other countries. The growth of husiness travel in Europe is huge, much higger than in the United States or Asia, Airlines in the European Regional Airlines Association carried 60 million passengers in 1997, 11 per-cent more than the year hefore. Crossair alone had 30 percent growth in pas-seogers — 80 percent of them husiness travelers — in the first five months of this year. People are traveling like crazy to huild the new Europe.

"You see people today traveling on



routes that never existed before - like from here to Birmingham and Birmngham to Hanover, Hanover to Bilbao; Bilbao to Munich; Friedrichshafen to Milan or Toulouse to Copenhagen. The Crossair network would not have been possible 30 years ago. There's a huge need for more transregional links. My plan for 2003 is to have 55 planes making those connections. And when the new terminal extension is huilt here. passengers should never have more than

a 10-minute walk from gate to gate."
EuroCross flights arrive and depart in four coordinated waves early in the morning, around midday, afternoon and evening, enabling people traveling to and from most destinations in Europe to get there and back the same day. For example, Toulouse-Vienna via EuroCross is 2 hours and 15 minutes faster than via Zurich; Amsterdam-Bilbao is 2 hours faster than via Paris; and Friedrichshafen-Birmingham is 1 hour and 30 minutes faster than connecting in Frankfurt.

'If someone could fly point-to-point from Frankfurt to Palma at a suitable time, he would never go via EuroCross, or if someone io Nuremberg could save time hy flying to Bordeaux via Frankfurt, he would not use EuroCross, Suter said. "But people will take Euro-Cross because it's faster and easier in

many cases.
"We developed the EuroCross idea in 1996; but we only officially launched it this spring when we were able to link the destinations with realistic schedules. Let's say in Dresden we have the higgest market for Madrid. Then we schedule so that the gate for the Madrid flight is closest to that of the Dresden flight."

Crossair is an entrepreneurial fairy tale. Suter put the company together in 1975 virtually from his backyard while

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flying DC9s as a captain for Swissair.
"We started with two part-time employees, my wife and myself," Suter said. "I was a part-time pilot on Swissair's payroll until 1982. The idea was to offer husiness travelers in small markets direct point to-point links where they could save time. Our first flight from Zurich to Nuremberg in 1978 took one hour as an alternative to going via Frankfurt, which took three and a half

hours." Crossair today flies to 81 European destinations with a fleet of 80 planes consisting of 33-seat Saab 340 turboprops: 50-seat Saab 2000 turboprops and 97-seal Avro RJ jets. The company carried 4.7 million passengers in 1997 -19 percent more than the previous year — and made a net profit of 43.2 million Swiss francs (about \$28 million).

Small planes operating frequent flights on 'thin' routes are key in-gredients in Crossair's success. Crossair can hreak even with a 42 percent load factor, which means that you're starting to make money with only 15 passengers in a 33-seat Saab 340.

HE EuroAirport is an intercultural experience. It is huilt on French soil and run hy a kind of public joint venture between France and Switzerland with board members from each country along with "representatives" from Germany - a fast-growing sector of the airport's business. There is a ootional Franco-Swiss frontier within the airport, which apparently can be shifted depending on how many departure gates are needed on either side. The Eurohar, which straddles the frontier, allows you to pay for drinks in French or Swiss francs depending on which side you're standing, served by the same hartender. There is a restaurant a very good one incidentally — that offers entirely different menus, with prices to match, on the French and Swiss sides, reflecting the culinary cultures; with the food coming from the same

Whether you use the French or Swiss side of the airport depends, of course, where you're heading. But it may be a good idea to compare taxi and car rental rices in French and Swiss francs. And a French taxi is likely to cost a lot less than a Swiss taxi. You may like the idea of taking a Freoch taxi to Germany or Switzerland.

Crossair bas plans for 50 new services from EuroAirport to destinations such as Warsaw, Budapest, Athens, Ankara, Bologna, Stockholm, Copenhagen, Glasgow, Oporto, Trieste and Moscow.



BRITISH AIRWAYS/ QANTAS	Asia.	BA and Qantas have teamed up to offer a pan-Asian airpass for up to 27,700 kilometers of travel. Destinations include Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong Talpet, Manila, Bangkok, Salgon, Kuala Lumpur, Singapore and Jakarta The pass includes two domestic sectors in Australia and is valid for one year Buainess class costs \$2,905 and economy class, \$1,116.
BRITISH AIRWAYS	Britain to Australia	Round-trip fare of £475 (\$790) from London Heathrow to Perth, Melbourne Adelaide or Cairns. One stop allowed in Bangkok or Singapore in each direction. Minimum stay of seven days and travel must be completed by Aug. 31. Trailfinders, (44-171) 938-3939.
EMIRATES	Europe/Middle East/Asia	Free round-trip ticket when you buy three round-trips in first or business class. Free round-trip economy ticket when you buy one round-trip in first o economy. Some conditions apply.
GULF AIR	London to Katmandu	Round-trip for £405 (\$675) with four months maximum stay. One stopove per round-trip allowed in Abu Dhabi, Muscat, Bahrain or Doha for £28 extra Departures from July 5 to Aug. 14. Traiffinders (44-171) 938-3939.
KLM/NORTHWEST	Asia-Pacific to United States/ Europe	Frequent-flier members who make two round-trips in first or business class to the United States or Europe automatically earn a free flight to eithe destination. Those flying once to the United States or Europe earn a free flight to Hawaii or other destinations within Asia. Until Sept. 30.
THAI AIRWAYS	Asia .	Discounted packages for travel within Southeast Asia, including Brunel Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. Ou of Indonesia, two stopovers are available for \$464, three for \$567. From the Philippines, ticket prices start at \$515 for two stopovers.
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GOLDEN TULIP HOTELS	Worldwide	Summer discounts of up to 60 percent off published rates at 150 Golder Tulip hotels and Tulip Inns. Until Aug. 31.
GRAND HYATT	Hong Kong	"Privilege Plan" rate of 2,050 Hong Kong dollars (\$264) for a garden-view room includes airport limo transfers, American buffet breakfast for two, free local calls and no surcharge for overseas calls. Until July 5.
HOLIDAY INN	Europe/Middle East/Africa	"Summer Special" rates at 230 hotels from \$53 per room per night for up to two adults and two children 12 and under sharing their parents' room Breakfast is included. Kids 12 and under eat free. Until Sept. 12.
HYATT	Worldwide	Hyatt "Great Deal" promotion can save up to 50 percent on "superior" rooms at participating properties. Until Sept. 15.
NTER- CONTINENTAL	Asia-Pacific	"Double Options" added-value program offers guests paying any published rate at 27 hotels the choice of two of the following: upgrade to a junior suite or Club Inter-Continental; a second room at 50 percent discount; double mileage or points with participating airlines. Extended until Sept. 15.
MERIDIEN HOTELS & RESORTS	Worldwide	"Summer Passport" promotion offers up to 50 percent off published rates for minimum stay of two nights. Until Aug. 31.
SHANGRI-LA	Singapore	Summer package rates start at 299 Singapore dollars (\$175) a night for a single garden-wing room; singles in the valley wing cost 329 dollars Surcharge of 30 dollars a night for double occupancy. Until Sept. 30.
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### RECORDINGS

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> the raindrops indeed.
> That said, take the offenhave a nice summer.

. WYNTON MARSALIS,

'The Midnight Blues'

(Columbia): Is too much of a good thing really possible? 'Good' is so rare to begin with, certainly this good. Subtitled "Standard Time, Vol. 5," this is a gem, a clas-Marsalis's texture, tecbgood. And the production is super-tasteful. Bot an unintoo much fine and mellow. Increasingly aware of boredom seeping in, you wonder

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sive. Going on vacation? Almost three decades ago, Bring your own noise. And Zawinul belped give birth to have a nice summer.

Zawinul belped give birth to fusion jazz with Weather Report. The style boomed both creatively and commercially. Now that fusion is stale and

chasing past glory, billed as "The Zawinul Syndicate" and kicked by the remarkable drummer Paco Sery from Ivory Coast, Zawinul continnes to boom using basically sic, a mooumeot to good taste. the same vocabulary and hardware. His music oever nique, soul and his melodic sense have never been so with marketability or the lack of it. He is a virtuoso of the synthesizer who just says terrupted ballad mode with what he has to say. At the age lush strings for 74 minutes is of 66, he hasn't said it all yet. This tour was in 1997.

· KEITH JARRETT "Tokyo. 96" (ECM): Another live how this can be. Listen for performance alhum, this is another proof that the 1990s · JACKY TERRASSON have been far from a musical 'Alive'' (Blue Note): A lick bust. Any objective listeoer is a musical tic, a mannerism with an educated ear must at ike somebody who says least accept the possibility 'dig?' or "you see" every that for much of the decade other sentence. It can be a the Keith Jarrett Standards quotation - Dexter Gordoo Trio (Gary Peacock, bass, had his favorite phrase from Jack De Johnette, drums) has

the inconvenience of a heavy kaline Age. Summer vaca- and the more banal the sub- word musical options remain, cords): A drammer and a downpour after a class, he ad- tions are now as much an es- jects or the sounds, the louder potentially as endless as the composer with a wide musical range, Blackman is as comfortable being Lenny Kravitz's accompanist as she is here with Ravi Coltrane, Tour' (Cream/Sony, 2 CDs): Jacky Terrasson and Ron Almost three decades ago, Carter. From 'Happys' House" by Omette Coleman to Kravitz's "Let Love Rule" via her own title song. abstraction compliments time and the reverse.

· AKIRA SATAKE "Cooler Heads Prevail" (Alula Records): First, know that this album was made by a "brilliant Japanese banjoist with a split-level passion for the fiery breakdowns of southern Appalachia who lives in North Carolina. Listen more than once. Accompanying instruments include penarywhistle, a tabla, mandolin, slide guitar, a koto, uilleann pipes, synthesizer, a Moroccan frame drum and 'backwards analog tape." A Na-

tive American chant cascade over a bouncy Irish melous .. A rollicking jig. bumps headlong into a crescendo of female Bulgarian vocals." Such blurbs and more take world music to the edge of self-parody. Trouble is it sounds so good.

Mike Zwerin/IHT

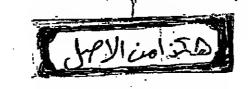


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### MOVIE GUIDE

COUSIN BETTE

Directed by Des McAnuff. U.S. Revenge is a dish best served in silk stockings, as Honore de Balzac's indignant heroine demonstrates with unbounded relish in "Cousin Bette." Adapted from Balzac's 1847 novel by the Tony-winning director Des McAnuff, the movie has its saucy scenery, but by and large the piece is clumsy and conventional. Like "Les Miserables" and "The Man in the Iron Mask, "two other recent adaptations of the classics, the movie portrays the Gallic ruling class as a pack of corsetted ninnies and snuff-pinching boobs. (For a more accurate depiction, see the chilling French costume drama "Ridicule.") In any case, the upper crust is crumbling and the rabble is roused. An uprising is in the offing, but the idle rich are simply too self-absorbed to notice. The Hulots, the title character's stingy relatives, are undoubtedly the most clueless of this sorry lot: ripe for the machinations of Jessica Lange's pruny and spiteful Bette noire. Nobody ever felt quite as sorry for herself as Bette, who apparently sat in the cinders while her prettier cousin, Adeline (Geraldine Chaplin), was groomed to marry well. Unfortunately, Adeline married Hector (Hugh in Laurie), a philanderer who squandered much of the family fortune on wine, women and, yes, song. Nevertheless, Bette is more than ready to accept Hector's proposal after Adeline dies in the film's opening scenes. But to Bette's dismay, Hector isn't proposing marriage. He wants her to manage the house and counsel his marriageable daughter, Hortense (Kelly Macdonald). Now, nothing can save the Hulots from their cousin's vengeance. And Bette can give scheming Marquise de Merteuil of "Dangerous Liaisons" some lessons in pulling the wings off butterflies. McAnuff and writers Lynn Siefert and Susan Tarr quickly rationalize the instice of Bette's vengeance, although the bitter spinster is hardly e sympathetic character nor are the hapless Hulots so easily reviled. With the exception of bawdy music hall scenes, the overall mood is as cold as a cobblestone and as drab as the protagonist's numeryinspired wardrobe. It stands to reason that McAnuff, a stage director making his screen debut, would be more at home with the showgirls and backstage Johns of the film's theatrical setting. Laurie and Macdonald fare well enough as the persuasively feckless Hulots. Poor Boh Hoskins, however, is ridiculously miscast as the prosperous and lecherous mayor of Paris. Mayor McCheese is more like it. (Rita Kempley, WP)

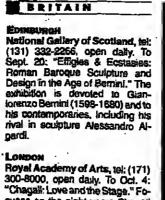
WENT DOWN

Directed by Paddy Breathnach, Ireland. Fresh out of prison, having served time for someone else's crime, laconic Git Hynes (Peter McDonald, a quietly attentiongetting newcomer) finds himself in new trouble and the beguilingly bad company of Bunny Kelly (Brendan Gleesoo). Bunny is a great big baby of a gangster, as memorable for his sweet tooth as for his wildly unhelpful instructions to Git on how to use a gun. Bunny is also the sort to pull into e gas station and face the embarrassment of not being able to open the tank of his stolen car. As played with boisterons flamboyance by Gleeson, whose starring performance in "The General" was one of the brighter lights at this year's Cannes film festival, Bunny is garrulous, colorful and wrongheaded, a character with a capital C. When Git unwittingly hurts the henchman of a Duhlin crime boss named Tom French (Tony Doyle), he finds himself roped into teamwork with Bunny in "I Went Down," a convoluted but droll, sharply etched story of an Irish gangland feud. Beyond the facts that both have been ditched by the women in their lives and both are under the thumb of Tom French, these two reluctant partners have little in common. But they get to know and influence each other during the course of this tartly written movie, which has proved to be freland's most successful independent film. "I Went Down" owes much of its novelty to steering clear of Irish movie stereotypes. As directed Jby Paddy Breathnach and written by Conor McPherson, "I Went Down " is essentially a four-man comedy of errors with a rueful twist. The fourth principal is Frank Grogan (Peter Caffrey), whom Tom French wants to find in the worst way The main plot device is sending Bunny and Git off to find Frank, but "I Went Down" is too deliberately knotty to let any such mission have an easy outcome. Instead, the four characters such mission have an easy outcome, instead, the four characters

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when it's not easily comprehended. (Janet Maslin, NYT) in July, the small theater of ancient cross paths and swap small talk that remains interesting even

### ARTS GUIDE

The second of th



Royal Academy of Arts, tel: (171) 300-8000, open daily. To Oct. 4: "Chagali: Love and the Stage." Focuses on the eight yeers Chagail (1887-1985) spent in Russia be-tween 1914 and 1922 and around the mural paintings he created for the State Yiddish Theater in Mos-

www.royalacademy.org.uk

FRANCE

Musee d'Art Moderne et d'Art mporain, tel: 04-93-62-61-"Robert Indiane: Retrospective 1958-1998." In the early 1960s, the American painter (born 1928) created sculpture assemblages and developed his style of vivid color surfaces, involving letters, words and numbers. He became known for silkscreen prints. posters and sculptures that took the word LOVE as their thems. The exhibition brings together paint-ings, drawings and etchings, as well as the monumental sculptures of the 1980s and '90s.

Chemp de Mars, lel: 01-53-41-10-09. July 10, 9 P.M. The three tenors pursue their tradition of singing topursue their tradition of singing to-gether to celebrate highly publi-cized sports events, this time the World Cup. Accompanied by the Orchestre de Paris under James Levins. Jose Cameras, Pfacido Domingo and Luciano Pavarretti sing in what is announced as a new

GERMANY

Allied Museum, tel: (30) 818-1-999-91, closed Wednesdays. A new museum in the heart of the former U.S. military sector, it celebrates the changing role of the Western Allies, who came as occupying powers, then were pro-tectors against Stalinism, end fi-nally helped shape modern Germany into a democratic nation. Many of the displays are of a mil-

Kastner Gesellschaft, tel: (511) 70-12-00, closed Mondays. To Sept. 6: "Messages in Stone." Ap-proximately 50 monolithic sculp-Indonesian islands.

OREECE



Epidaurus is the backdrop for mis-cellaneous concerts: Graek and Flamenco music (July 3-4); Strav-insky's "Tale of a Soldier" (July 10-11]: a piano recital by the Canadian pianist Alain Lelevre (july 17-18); Maria Ferantouri accompanied by the Berliner Instrumentalisten ensemble sings selections from Mikus Theodorakis's music (July 24), and the Greek composer's symphonic music ends the lestivities on July 25.

American Academy, tal: (06) 584-6425, closed Mondays. To July 12: "1998 Annual Exhibition." Art, architecture end design works by the winners of the Rome Prize and the Fulbright Fellowship in Fine Arts.

JAPAN

National Museum of Modern Art, tel; (75) 781-4111, closed Mondays. To July 26: "Asserting Tex-ble; Contemporary British Textile Art." Nearly 50 years have passed since textile art started to assert itself in contemporary art. British textile artists, elong with Polish and American entists, participated quite aarly in the movement, producing authoring works. The exhibition introduces 15 artists with their recent works and presents an overview of contemporary British textile

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Symphony Half, tel: (08) 453-6000, July 3: The Israel Chamber Orchestra conducted by Philippe Entremont, performs Beethoven's Overture to "Dia Geschoole des

5 in E-flat major, "Emperor," and Symphony No. 7 in A major. Entremont doubles as the pianist.

TOKYO Setagaya Art Museum, tel: 3415-6011. closed 2d and 4th mondays of the month To July 20: The Wonders of Sanxingdus: Civiliza-tions Rediscovered." More than 250 masks, statues and vases ex-cavated in 1986 in a small village in the Chinese province of Sichuen. from an ancient culture that may have axtended from 3000 B.C. to 1000 B.C.

Tokyo Metropolitan Teien Art Museum, tel: (3) 3823-6921.
closed. To July 26: "Italian Glass
From the Steinberg Foundation."
Early 20th-century glasswork from
Murano, the glass industry island
in the Venice lagoon, on loan from the collection of the New York financier Saul P. Steinberg.

SINGAPORE

Asian Civilisations Museum, tel: 338-00-00, closed Mondays. To Oct. 4; "Sojoum in Nanyang: Works by Xu Beihong," Best known for his depictions of horses, the 20th-century figurative artist (1895-1953) used his paintings to clest the Japanese invasion of Ching and was forced to escape to Singapore where he lived between 1938 and 1942. The exhibition brings together works created in exile.

SPAIN

Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza, tel: (91) 420-39-44, closed Mondays. To Oct. 12: "Paul Klee, 1879-1940," More than 130 works by the Swiss artist who strongly influenced the first generation of Spanish abstract painters in the 1950s

www.cffcampus.es museo.thyssen-bornemisza

SWITZERLAND

Musee Barbier-Mueller, tel: (22) 312-02-70, open daily. To Sept. 15: "Picasso !'Africain." Works by Picasso that show similarities with tribal arrayorks. The works are paralleled with items from the African and Oceanian collection of the mu-

UNITED STATES

**ATLANTA** High Museum of Art, tel: (404) 733-4437. closed Mondays To Sept 19: "Roy DeCarava: A Ret-cospective." The exhibition of 150 photographs is devoted to the work di the American photographer (bom 1919), from his pictures of daily life in Harlem, through the civil rights protests of the 1960s, and the portraits of jazz greets.

Museum of Modern Art, tel: (212) 708-9400. closed Wednesdays. To Oct. 6: "Alexander Rodchenko, 1891-1956." Charts the Russian artist's caraer from his leaders of the Moscow avant-garde to the marginalization of his an under Stalin's dictatorship. Includes paintings, sculptures, drawings, collages, design and photography. The exhibition will travel to Dusedorf and Stockholm. Also, Con tinulog/ To Oct. 13: "Bonnard." Neerly 100 paintings by the French painter (1867-1947) who recon-figured pictonal space to convey

имистота.ого JAPANESE TOUR

Vienna Philarmonic Orchestra of the Viennese orchestra will Rubin, Francaix, Krommer and Mozart will be performed in Tokyo (Tokyo Opera City Concert Hall, July 7) and Sapporo (Sapporo Art Perk Outdoor Stage, July 12); a program of Shubert, Beethoven, Webern and Ovorak quartets will be offered in Sapporo (Concert Hall, July 14) and Iwamizawa (Bunka Center, July 18) white Irma Vallecillo, pianist, will pley Beetho ven and Francaix with the orches tra in Chitose Shimin (Bunka Cen ter, July 14) and Sapporo (Concert Hall, July 18).

**CLOSING SOON** 

July S: "La Scoperta del Barocci htaliano," Brings together 17th-and 18th-century Italian paintings. Pinacoteca Nazionale, Sale delle Belle Arti, Bologna, Italy, July 5: "Prints by Hann de Toulouse-Lautrec el Henri Riviera." Naw Otani Art Museum, Tokyo. July 7: "Sakhi: Fnend and Mes-

senger in Raiput Love Paintings." Arthur M. Sackler Gallery, Wash-

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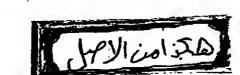
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### INTERNATIONAL

# **Jakarta Lists Nearly Half** Of People at **Poverty Line**

JAKARTA — Indonesia said Thursday that almost half of its 200 million people will not be able to afford food or other necessities by the end of the year because of the crippling economic

The central statistics bureau chief, Sugito Suwito, said at a news conference that 95.8 million people, about 48 percent of the population, would be living below the poverty line by the end of the year.

Some time ago we were told hy international experts we were a candidate to become an Asian tiger," he said. "Now we are not even a cat. Maybe

we are just rats now."

He said almost 80 million people, or hasic needs.

"In terms of percentage points, we are back to 1976," he said, adding that the numbers of the poor had increased.

The World Bank said last month that 50 million Indonesians would return to poverty because of the crisis. Asked to explain the discrepancy in the figures, Mr. Suwito said he did not know how the hank had made its calculations. He denied that the government was inflating the figure in ohtain more aid from international agencies.

Indonesia defines the poverty line as being ahle to afford 2,100 calories per day per person along with minimum nonfood items such as education, health, housing and clothes.

Based on the hureau's calculation, the poverty line is currently defined as 52,470 rupiah (\$3.6) per persou per mouth or 227,720 rupiah for a family of 4.34 persons in a city and 4.28 persons in

Mr. Suwito hlamed the economic crisis, with the rupiah losing more than 80 percent of its value against the dollar since last July.

At this time last year, Indonesia bad a per capita income of above \$1,000 a year was defined as below the poverty line. He also said the 1997 drought due to

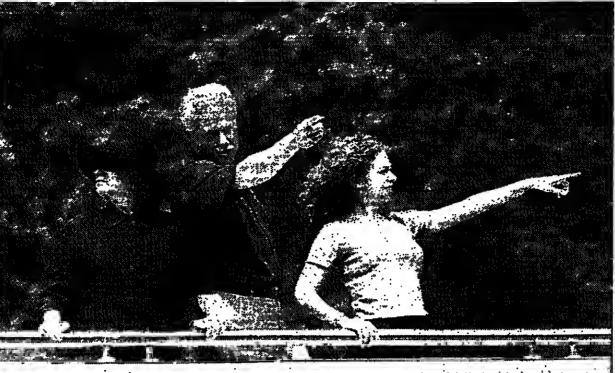
the El Niño weather phenomenon had ruined the country's agricultural pro-

by El Niño, our formal sector was hit by currency woes," Mr. Suwito said. "We are really trapped in a mess."

In order to cope with the crisis, the

fering. One of these was to provide sub-tain or strengthen political controls in the top of the agenda for the region's sidized rice at 1,000 rupiah per kilogram to the worst affected, he said. Rice prices currently range between 2,000 and 3,000 They said that increasing government nervousness is the result of soaring unrupiah per kilogram.

was raising the minimum wage by an pact in Indonesia, South Korea and Thaiaverage of 15 percent across the nation, land, but they threaten to spread to its location, route, duration and aims, as their jobs, and 50 million — one-quarter reversing an April decision to freeze China, the Philippines and Malaysia and well as the name and address of the of the population — face a return to



about 40 percent of the population, were currently unable to afford food and other Hillary Clinton, the president and Chelsea Clinton enjoying a cruise Thursday on China's Li River.

### CLINTON: Pledge of Help in Hong Kong

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not known as a champion of democracy. In his remarks at the banquet, be pointedly reminded Mr. Clinton that Hong Kong was a Chinese city. "The fact is, we are Chinese and were brought up in Chinese tradition and values," he said.

On Friday, Mr. Clinton will be able to the control of the control of

sample the new Hong Kong with a hectic. series of meetings and appearances that will bring him in contact with newly elected politicians, both friendly and

bostile to Beijing.

James Steinberg, the deputy assistant to the president for national security affairs, said the Clinton administration wanted to demonstrate that the United States "continues to be active and involved and concerned about preserving Hong Kong's antonomy and strength-

ening democracy there."
But the White House has landed in a minor tempest over a meeting with Hong Kong's most prominent pro-democracy leader, Martin Lee. Mr. Clinton is scheduled to meet alone with Mr. Lee on Friday, a move likely to displease Beijing. But the White House has barred press coverage of the meeting, except for

a photographer, and will issue no public

statements afterward.

Mr. Steinberg said the restrictions Despite having lived in Britain and Mr. Steinberg said the restrictions America for much of his life, Mr. Tung is were "normal practice" when Mr. Clin ton meets with opposition leaders. Mr. Lee's aides said the White House was W. Privati

originally balked at a one-on-one meeting, even though Mr. Lee has met Mr. Clinton before in the Oval Office.

If true, the White House may have ended up irking both sides. Mr. Lee said he found the decision "very odd, because the country of the provides." cause it seems to me that President Clinton's whole visit to China has been tele-

"Why does he stop with me?" he

After that meeting, Mr. Clinton will

sit down with a group of Hong Kong leaders, including Mr. Lee and three other popularly elected legislators.

Before flying to Hong Kong Thursday night, Mr. Clinton spoke on the dire environmental problems confroning

With the spectacular limestone peaks of the southern city of Guilin as a backdrop, Mr. Clinton said that five of the world's 10 most polluted cities were in China and that virtually every body of water in the country was tainted with human and industrial waste. But, be said, China did not have to sacrifice its environment to continue to build its econ-

omy.

He urged China to build more energy efficient cars, homes and factories. The alternative, be said, was further environmental degradation and ultimately, slower economic growth.

The president, addressing a small, carefully screened audience at a park in Guilin, one of China's most popular tourist destinations, said that not long ago American cities were choked with smog and many of its urban waterways.

were seriously polluted.

To belp China address its environmental problems, Mr. Climon announced a \$50 million Export-Import Bank loan to pay for clean energy projects, a contract to develop methane gas from coalfields and American assistance in promoting renewable energy sources.

# Mrs. Clinton Attends Jewish Temple Sanctification

By Seth Faison New York Times Service

SHANGHAI — There was a time, earlier this century, when Jews flocked to Shanghai. Though traces of their lives are mostly huried or lost, one prominent relic has been revived. In a modest ceremony Wednesday,

timed to coincide with a visit by the American first lady, Hillary Rodham Clinton, an American rahbi sanctified the Obel Rachel temple with a Torah carried from New York, restoring a symbol of Jewish faith that had been neglected for decades.

Thanking the people of Shanghai for taking in so many persecuted Jews when about 20,000 of them fled here among the five officially recognized from Europe during World War II, religions: Protestant Christianity, Cathother synagogues have disappeared in ilies moved here in the late 19th century

yet sgreed to let the temple be used plus members of Shanghai's expatriate Jewish community.

Doing so anytime soon may be dif-ficult, because the Chinese govern-cluding Ohel Rachel, named for the Doing so anytime soon may be dif-

Rabbi Arthur Schneier said he also olicism, Islam, Buddhism and Taoism. hoped the synagogue would now be Jewshold a special place in the history protected from a wrecker's ball. Four of Shanghai. Several Iraqi Jewish fam-Jews hold a special place in the history

and went on to dominate the real estate, The authorities in Shanghai have not securities and banking businesses. Eventually, tycoons with names like again as a place of worship by the 200- Sassoon, Kadoorie and Hardoon were among the city's most prominent res-

wife of Jacoh Sassoon, in 1920. At its peak in 1945, the Shanghai Jewish com-munity counted about 25,000 members. Virtually all of them left after the Communist Party came to power in 1949 and made foreigners unwelcome. Until a few months ago, Ohel Rachel

was a warehouse, dusty and unkempt from years of disuse. Efforts to restore it began only this year, after Rabbi Schneier persuaded Shanghai's mayor that it was worth saving.
Secretary of State Madeleine Al-

bright, whose family was originally Jewish, also visited the old synagogue Wednesday with Mrs. Clinton.

# PACIFIC: Beleaguered Governments Meet Asia's Cries of Protest With New Crackdowns

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and only 11.3 percent of its population protests and strikes over layoffs and company restructurings pushed by the government of President Kim Dae Jung, prosecutors issued arrest orders Wednesday for 82 employees of five weak

> have broken up or barred several anti-fundamental tenet of Asian political government demonstrations over the de-leadership is now at risk: the promise to

employment, interest rates and prices. On Tuesday, the government said it These are having the most scrious imunsettle even places like Japan, Hong organizing body. Written permission poverty because of the economic crisis.

Kong and Singapore, which were previously thought largely immune to the contagion.

"If these new laws are passed, hope-

ical stability across the region," said three specialists writing in the summer duction for two years. El Niño is an unusual warming of sea temperatures that affects global weather patterns.

'While our agriculture sector was hit by El Niño, our formal sector was

In order to cope with the crisis, the government, in accord with the International Monetary Fund, has built a social safety net fund totaling 7.5 percent of gross domestic product to support the poor.

The government said it was formolating several schemes to alleviate suflating several schemes to alleviate suf- administration—are also likely to main- and domestic discipline have moved to leaders.'

Antara, quoting Information Minister Yunus Yosfiah, said that the new laws in Indonesia would require demonstrators on by the Habibie government. to notify the police 24 bours before bolding a public gathering and to report

ceeding 100 people, it added.

"If these new laws are passed, hopefully we can distinguish between those who are exercising democracy and those worse, warning that up to 95 million people could face a return to poverty.

In South Korea, 1.5 million people have lost their jobs, with many thou-"The collapse of economic prosperity fully we can distinguish between those in Asia will threaten the basis for polit-who are exercising democracy and those who are fomenting unrest," said A. A. Baramuli, an adviser to President B. J.

economic collapse in the face of almost daily demonstrations over such issues as workers' rights, food prices, alleged cor-ruption among officials and the status of the disputed territory of East Timor. On Thursday, Indonesia's leading in-

dependent trade union suspended all planned demonstrations for the time being," said the head of the Indonesian Labor Welfare Union, Muchtar Pakpahan. He was recently released from pris-

The World Bank has warned that 20 million Indonesians are likely to lose

Government projections are much

sands more joining their ranks each week. In Thailand, the army of jobless has reached 2.7 million, up from 1.8 million at the end of 1997, according to government figures.
Government assistance and foreign

aid are helping to alleviate the impact of rising unemployment and poverty, but officials fear that the scale of the prob-lem, especially in Indonesia, far out-strips available resources.

In Thailand, Lae Dilokvilas, an econ-

omist at Chulalongkorn University in west, has demanded that General Bangkok, said: "If social unrest erupts Abubakar hand power directly to Chief planned demonstrations. "Following — and it might — the impact will Abiola as the head of a transitional gov-many requests from the public and en-trepreneurs, we have called off all has done to solve the country's prob-

Analysts said that the main political risk facing Thailand was the possibility that the coalition government of Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai might fall.

"The risk is that we might find ourselves with a new government that might roll back reforms," said Bruce Gale, manager in Singapore of Political and Economic Risk Consultancy Ltd.

**Tripp Still on Stand** 

**Before Grand Jury** 

**On Lewinsky Tapes** 

WASHINGTON — Linda Tripp con-

tinued her testimony Thursday in the

Monica Lewinsky sex and perjury in-

the federal courthouse where the in-

had sex with Mr. Clinton and was urged

The 48-year-old Pentagon employee,

who first testified on Tuesday, was ex-

pected to be asked why she recorded her

conversations with Ms. Lewinsky, who

began as a White House intern in 1995 at

age 21. Mr. Clinton and Ms. Lewinsky

have issued sworn statements for an-

other legal case in which they denied the

But in the tapes that Mrs. Tripp turned over to Mr. Starr, Ms. Lewinsky re-

portedly describes having sex with Mr. Clinton in his White House study, and expresses frustration that the relationship

was not progressing as she had hoped.

Mr. Starr is considering possible per-jury charges against Mr. Clinton and Ms.

Lewinsky, and is looking at allegations that Mr. Clinton bought Ms. Lewinsky's

silence by helping her get a joh.

She dodged reporters as she arrived at

vestigation.

to lie about it.

### **NIGERIA:** Freeing of Prisoners

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Chief Abiola and other political detain-ees will be released," the official said at a news conference. I The military has given little suggestion of how it would propose to shift to civilian rule propose to shift to civilian rule — although General Abubakar is widely expected to present his ideas after next Tuesday, when the official period of mourning for General

Nigeria's vocal pro-democracy move-ment, whose stronghold is in the south, and especially the ethnic Yoruba southcorps would oppose any such move. The United States and European Union have demanded Chief Abiola's release as one condition for resuming aid to Nigeria but have declined to endorse the Nigerian opposition's call for the former presential candidate to be handed power.

Chief Abiola, 60, is being held in at villa at Abnja and Mr. Annan reported that he is healthy but isolated, with little news from his allies in the Nigerian prodemocracy movement.

It was not immediately possible to reach any of the few Nigerian officials in a position to confirm the Nigerian government's readiness to free Chief Abiola and other prisoners --- nor is it clear how many prisoners are being discussed. There is no authoritative count of political detainees in Nigeria - and General Abubakar would not be able to release them by simple decree, said Adotei Ak-wei, the Africa specialist at Amnesty International's Washington office.

After years in which Nigeria's military regimes have used overlapping and secretive police agencies, intimidation dependent counsel, Kenneth Starr, is in- of the judiciary and secret trials to imvestigating allegations that Monica prison their opponents, the total of polit-Lewinsky, a former White Honse intern, ical prisoners could be in the hundreds or ical prisoners could be in the hundreds or in the thousands, the specialist said. He added that it would take a long time and a revamped Nigerian judiciary to sort out who should be released.

The New York-based organization Human Rights Watch cited 28 specific prisoners - political opponents of the military, environmental activists, journalists and Islamic militant activists among those who it said should be freed. It also counted "several tens of military officers" convicted in secret trials over alleged coup plots against General Abacha and "large numbers of less well-known political prisoners, including household members or associates of the better known detainees."

Nigeria's hopes for political change sprouted last month after General Abacha died suddenly and Nigeria's rulying council of military officers put General eral Abubakar in his place.

Within a week, General Abubakar freed some political prisoners and, government sources said, began secret talks with Chief Ahiola. He appears to be seeking some kind of government of national unity to rule for some months to prepare elections, a political analyst said, asking not to be named.

### ■ High-Level U.S. Visit Planned

A high-level U.S. mission will leave Washington for Nigeria over the weekend and meet with General Abubakar on July 7, Reuters reported from Washington, quoting the State Department spokesman\_

"The purpose of the visit is to offe our support for the new leadership recent release of political prisoners and to discuss steps we think could facilitate the transition to democratic civilian government in Nigeria," the spokesman, James Rubin, said

# REBUKE: Hubbell Freed of Tax Charges

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the Clintons', dating from their days in Little Rock, Arkansas; he is also a cused Mr. Starr's office of unethical former law partner of Mrs. Clinton's.

While the pressure has similarly been eased for Mrs. McDougal, who has refused to answer questions before Mr. Starr's Arkansas grand jury and was sent to jail by Mr. Starr to force her testimony, her knowledge of the Clintons' interests is not as wide-ranging as Mr. Ruhbell's.

Mrs. McDougal, a former business associate of the Clintons' from Arkan- tax charges last April as overly harsh. sas, was freed from prison last mouth for Given the protracted, seesaw nature of

the four-year legal combat between Mr. Starr and the president, it would be perilous to view any single development in the complex web of the independent

counsel's investigation as decisive.

And Judge Robertson, although he wrote a careful opinion, was challenging some contrary findings by other judges. and is, after all, only a district judge. The way you have to look at this

kind of investigation is like a trial where both sides have their ups and downs," said Theodore Boutrons Jr., a litigator at the Washington law firm of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. Mr. Boutrous, who was a member of

President Ronald Reagan's legal team in the Iran-contra investigation, added, "It's impossible to draw sweeping conclusions from what happens on a par-

Judge Robertson's decision was the

### **UN Keeps Libya Sanctions**

UNITED NATIONS, New York -The Security Council on Thursday maintained without change sanctions imposed on Lihya since 1992 for failing to extradite two men accused in the 1988 bombing of a Pan Am airliner over Lockerbie, Scotland, which killed 270 people. The Organization of African Unity decided last month that its members would no longer comply with the sanctions from September if the Security Council refused to agree at its latest review to the suspects' being tried in a third country. Diplomats said no such

talk of the city's law firms and political circles, already abuzz over an article in the magazine Brill's Content that acleaks to reporters. The judge's opinion dismissing the tax case against Mr. Hnbbell gave Mr. Starr's doubters significant and fresh material.

Because Mr. Hnbbell had already served 17 mouths in prison after pleading guilty to fraud in an earlier case hrought hy Mr. Starr involving Mr. Huhbell's former law firm, some viewed the indictment of Mr. Huhbell and his wife on

Then, just days after Mr. Starr filed the tax charges against the Huhbells, be had Mrs. McDougal indicted on three counts of criminal contempt and obstruction of justice for failing to answer questions from his grand jury. Like Mr. Huhbell, Mrs. McDougal

had already been severely punished, having completed an 18-month jail term for civil contempt on the same charges. Given that both actions came as the Arkansas Whitewater grand jury was running out of time and steam, both supporters and critics saw Mr. Starr's moves against both Hubbell and Mrs. McDougal as efforts to increase the pres-

sure on them to provide embarrassing

information about the Clintons. "In both instances, he seems to be wielding the hammer of Thor to swat at mosquitoes," said Richard Beu-Ven-iste, a Washington lawyer who has represented prominent Democrats and was a Watergate prosecutor and Senate minority counsel. "Judge Robertson's action will give further credence in the critics of Starr that he has been overly aggressive in pursuing individuals who would not otherwise be prosecuted, simply to be able to get some information from them that he can use against

President and Mrs. Clinton.' Benjamin Ginsberg, a litigator at Pat-ton, Boggs & Blow, disagreed. "This is what prosecutors do," Mr. Ginsberg said. "Hubbell was a key source of information who was reluctant

to talk. It was a pressure point that Starr was applying.' In a dramatic act of defiance, Mr. Hubbell and his wife appeared outside their home on the day of the indictment

as Mr. Huhbell declared: The independent counsel can indict



Webster Hubbell, with his wife, Suzy, after the dismissal of charges.

not going to lie about the president."

Mrs. McDougal also used strong language after her May 4 indictment, say-"It is true that no man is above the to break the law in order to huy his

win a war of wills against them, he appears to have lost. Mr. Huhbell, declaring himself "grateful" for the latest decision, is out of Mr. Starr's sights for law, but neither should any man be asked the time being. And Mrs. McDougal enjoying freedom after another federal

freedom."

If one of Mr. Starr's points in pursuing health grounds, faces trial on the contempt charges in the fall.

# AIRBUS: USAirways Deal Is a Coup for European Plane Maker

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which the two plane makers provide confirmed order data, Boeing had 242 orders for the year, while Airbus had 218

Boeing has been in such disarray with ramping up its production and they may not have been as aggressive on price as they have been in the past," William Fiala, an analyst with Edward Jones & Co. "Boeing's stumble has really opened the door for Airbus for

their goal of 50 percent market share." USAirways made a firm order for seven aircraft, plus seven options and an additional 16 reserve spots for future demy dog, they can indict my cat, but I'm liveries that it could turn into firm orders.

First deliveries will begin in late 1999. The airline plans to use the planes, which feature Airbus "fly-by-wire" allelectronic cockpits, on trans-Atlantic routes such as Philadelphia to Rome or to Gatwick Airport near London. Future destinations could include Athens, Brussels, Manchester or Zurich,

The A330 can carry up to 335 passengers in a dual-class configuration with a range of up to 5,000 nantical miles, making them ideal for the popular East Coast to Europe routes. But USAirways

said it would probably configure the planes with three classes of seating and a maximum of 278 passengers. Mr. Wolf said that he chose the A330

for its range and slightly larger capacity than Boeing's 767. Some industry analysts speculated that Airbus was probably more competitive on pricing, as Boeing has been backing away from some deals to maintain its margins in the face of financial stress incurred last year from its production problems.
"I think the USAir order was es-

the long-term commitment to Airbus on the A320s," said Bankers Trust analyst Wolfgang Demisch. "I did not think it was a surprise." Mr. Demisch said he thought there was an internal battle at Boeing over

sentially preconfigured when they made

how aggressively to compete for the upcoming British Airways order.

# A U.S. Privatization Plan Stirs Nuclear Uneasiness

Some Fear Impact on Russian Uranium Deal

By Peter Passell New York Times Service

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The U.S. Treasury's announcement Monday that it would soon privatize the government's haif-century-old tranium enrichment plants has made waves largely because of the proposed method

While an initial public offering of shares in a government-owned corporation is not unprecedented, it is still something of a novelty.

But the more important news is that the Treasury is moving forward in spite of years of warnings that the sale would undermine a key initiative for containing nuclear proliferation.

Once the United States Enrichment Corp. is privatized, the company will have powerful financial incentives to find a means to back away from an agreement to import 500 tons of bomb-

grade uranium from Russia.

\*Privatizatioo is a foreign policy disaster waiting to happen," argued Richard Falkenrath, an economist at Harvard University's Kennedy School of gov-

When the Cold War ended and Russia was left with a potent nuclear arsenal, Tom Neff, a physicist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, had a brainstorm.

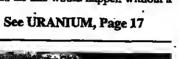
Why not buy a chunk of Russia's stockpile of bomb-grade uranium, blend it with natural uranium to make fuel for commercial power reactors and resell

Why not, indeed: With much fanfare, Vice President Al Gore struck the swords-to-plowshares deal with President Boris Yeltsin in 1993. Russia would manufacture the react-

or fuel from its bombs, and Washington would sell the fuel oo world markets. Minatom, the Russian nuclear authority, with an estimated one million employees, would get cash to cover the

wages of its needy nuclear scientists. Also, far less bomb-grade uranium would be left lying around Russia for someone to steal

And all this would happen without a





IT'S A DEAL - Rem Vyakhirev, head of the Russian gas company Gazprom, shaking hands on a tax agreement Thursday with President grams, median tenure rose from 3.6 Boris Yeltsin as Prime Minister Sergei Kiriyenko watched. Page 1S. years to 3.8 years.

Contrary to popular thought people as staying at their pick slightly longer than they do! I leve years ago. While men's tenure has slighted a to the economic median has also from 2.1 to 3.5 years. Median years with current employer All workers, 16 years and older 4.5

# Despite the Downsizing, Job Tenure Holds Steady

By Tim Smart.

WASHINGTON - After a decade of downsizing, U.S. employees' jobs should be less secure these days and workers should be changing jobs more often than in the early 1980s, right? There's actually little evidence of

Job tenure as measured in a recent study by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics has changed remarkably little in the past decade. That is despite a job market that has been described as unsettled, prompting all kinds of self-help books advising workers on how to de-velop career skills in an economy of mobility and uncertainty.

The bureao's data show that for 1983 to 1996, the length of time workers have been employed at their workplace actually has inched up a little, to a median of 3.8 years from 3.5 years. After dipping slightly from 1983 to 1987, tenure has been on a slow but steady rise.

Even in the 1990s, during which large companies pared their work forces significantly through early retirement pro-

"There really hasn't been much change in job security," said a Princeton University economist, Henry Farber, an expert on job tenure. "It must be the case that having long-term employees conveys some productive advantage."

However, a Bureau of Labor Statistics economist, Jay Meisenheimer, cautions against trying to draw too many conclusions from the employment data on whether longer tenure means people are more secure in their jobs.

Among men, who as a group have had stable tenure, older workers are experiencing declines in tenure. Countering this trend, though, has been an increase in tenure for women.

The median tenure of male workers in 1983 was 4.1 years. In 1996 it had slipped to 4.0 years. Tenure among female workers rose from 3.1 years to 3.5 years. When you look at tenure by age, some

sharp contrasts emerge. Older male workers, those in the 55to 64-year-old bracket, have had a sharp decline in median tenure: from 15.3 years to 10.5 years over the 13-year period that the burean studied. Men 45 to 54 also have had declines

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# U.S. Joblessness Rises From a 28-Year Low

GM Strike and Asia Crisis Hit Payroll Growth

Compiled by Our Staff From Despenden

WASHINGTON — Asian economic runnoil and the strike at General Motors Corp. slowed U.S. job growth in June, pushing the unemployment rate up to 4.5 percent from a 28-year-low during the two previous months, the government reported Thursday.

It was a sign that the economy is beginning to slow. Yet even with the increase, from 4.3 percent, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained well below the 5 percent rate of a year earlier, the Labor Department said. "It was still quite low by recent historical standards," said Katharine Abraham, commissioner of the Bureau of

Labor Statistics. Employers added a moderate 205,000 jobs to their payrolls in June, compared with 309,000 in May. Most of the gains came in services. Manufacturers cut 29,000 jobs, the fourth decline in five months and the biggest since

That reflected drops in industries either facing stiff competition from Asian imports or loss of export sales to

Asian imports or loss of export sales to Asia, including apparel, textiles, paper products and electronic components.

"This is a definite sign the economy is slowing," said Sung Won Sohn, economist at Norwest Corp. in Minneapolis. "The danger is it will continue to slow and decelerate for too long. Toward year-end we could be talking about an economy that is too weak rather than too strong."

Payrolls fell by 6,000 in the anto industry, reflecting the strike that began on June 5 at GM's stamping plant in Flint, Michigan. The report has not yet

registered the full impact of subsequent plant shutdowns.

However, in a separate report, the department said the number of first-time applications for unemployment benefits surged last week because of the GM, strike. They jumped by 24,000 to a seasonally adjusted 390,000, the highest level since March 1997. That followed increases of 35,000 the previous week and 17,000 two weeks earlier. The department said the bulk of the latest increase came in three states - Michigan, Ohio and New York — and officials

there attributed most to the strike. A third report, on factory orders in May, reflected softness in manufacturing even before the strike. Orders dropped 1.6 percent, to a seasonally adjusted \$333 billion, the Commerce Department said. It was the first decline since Febmary and the biggest since December.

Decreases were widespread. They were sharpest in electronic components. aircraft and food products. A survey by the National Association of Purchasing Management, released Wednesday, suggested that manufacturing activity declined again in June.

That and other signs that economic growth has moderated from the very rapid 5.4 percent annual rate of the first three months of the year probably belped persuade Federal Reserve poli-cymakers who met Wednesday to leave short-term interest rates unchanged.

William Sullivan, an economist at Dean Witter Securioes in New York. said of the batch of reports, "It's a clearcut sign that the economy is losing some momentum, partly due to the Asian eco-comic crisis." (AP. Bloomberg)

### **Indonesia Gets World Bank Loan**

WASHINGTON — The World Bank approved a \$1 billion loan to Indonesia on Thursday to help the country rebuild its economy and soften the impact of the financial crisis on the growing ranks of poor people.

The money — part of the \$4.5 billion the World Bank pledged to a \$41.2 billion international rescue package put together last year — was held up six

weeks ago when Indonesia was gripped by political violence that forced the ouster of President Suharto.

The money can be used at the dis-. cretion of the Indonesian government. "Its objective is to rebuild confidence and help Indonesia make a new start," said James Wolfensohn, World Bank president. "We are making a point of including assistance for the poor, who are particularly threatened by this crisis."

### Thinking Ahead /Commentary

# From America, Fresh Cries of 'Unfair'

spread, though usually unfounded, fears of "unfair" competition from foreign workers have haunted Americans for almost as long as there has been a United States. According to one expert, the phenomenon

But it has gained a new lease on life in the 1990s as the globalization of the world ecocomy has gathered pace. The bitterness of the current devastating strike by the United Auto Workers uniou against General Motors in Flint, Michigan, has been sharpened by anxiety that the company will increasingly favor cheaper production sites abroad. Concerns about the foreign threat to

U.S. jobs and wages on Capitol Hill have helped to deny President Bill Clinton "fast-track" authority to negotiate new trade agreements, especially with developing countries.

Now Patrick Bochanan, the former and probably future Republican pres-idential candidate, has lanuched a cam-

paign to return America to the glory industry was protected from cheap imports by high tariff walls. His arguments, presented in a book

called "The Great Betrayal: How American Sovereignty and Social Justice Are Being Sacrificed to the

Gods of the Global Economy," are vation, have been far more important.

ASHINGTON — Wide- certainly retarded American economic Buchanan's complaints that too much precious capital is being shipped abroad ignore the fact that America today is a

net importer of capital, not an exporter. It is less easy to counter the broader fears among the voters to whom Mr. goes back at least to the first half of the
Buchanan seeks to appeal — not least
19th century.

Buchanan seeks to appeal — not least
because wages for many U.S. workers have stagnated or fallen as America has and that the lowest-wage countries, become more integrated into the world such as Bangladesh and Bolivia, have economy.

It seems counterintuitive to suggest that the United States can increase its trade with countries where wages are only one-teath of American levels without any negative impact on the earnings of U.S. workers.

.. The task is not made easier by disagreements among economists over whether and how far trade has been responsible for declining wages, par-ticularly among unskilled workers, and for growing inequality between the earnings of the skilled and unskilled.

Attempting to clarify the issue, Washington's Brookings Institution this week published the views of 32 leading days of 100 years ago, when nascent economists in a report entitled, "Imports, Exports and the American Worker." Most broadly supported the mainstream position that while trade and economic globalization have had some impact on American wages, other influences, especially technological inno-

Susan Collins, the report's editor, The truth is that high tariffs almost pointed out that, coutrary to popular growth and industrialization. And Mr. among America's main trading partners have actually been rising rapidly.

from 38 percent of U.S. levels in 1960 to 85 percent in 1992. Other points economists like to cite include the fact that trade in manufactured goods between industrial and developing countries is roughly balanced, despite the huge gap in wages,

attracted very little foreign investment. Two important shifts appear to be under way in economic opinion. Trade economists, who initially resisted the idea that trade had any effect on wages, now tend to agree that it has some impact. Economists who blame trade, oo the other hand, now increasingly accept that trade remedies are not the

In other words, the majority view is this: Trade liberalization should not be halted because some people are burt by it. Specific measures, including edu-cation and retraining, should instead be

directed at those worst affected. Now the problem is to convince the doubters - from Plint, Michigan, to Capitol Hill. Without public support, it will not be possible to continue with trade liberalization.

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### REPUBLIC OF BOLIVIA

MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT VICEMINISTRY OF ENERGY AND HYDROCARBONS

INVITATION TO THE INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC NOMINATION AND BIDDING FOR AVAILABLE AREAS FOR HYDROCARBONS EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The Viceministry of Energy and Hydrocarbons of Bolivia responsible for the nomination of available areas for hydrocarbons exploration and development, as established in the Hydrocarbons Law Nº 1689 of April 30, 1996, its regulations and other applicable legal norms, invites all companies interested in participating in the International Public Nomination and Bidding for Available Areas for Hydrocarbons Exploration and Development.

The International Public Nomination, to be held form July 15 to 25, allows national and international companies to nominate areas with hydrocarbons potential. It is estimated that approximately 611,000 Km of the Bolivian territory (55.6%) have hydrocarbons potential. Of that total, 124,276.8 Km<sup>2</sup> are currently under contract and 486,723.2 Km<sup>2</sup> have been defined as available areas.

All parties interested in nominating areas must present, to the Viceministry of Energy and Hydrocarbons (VMEH), a written petition for each area nominated and pay the fee established in the regulation. For further details, please contact VMEH at the address below.

The International Public Bidding, to be held on September 15, aims to attract potential investors for the signing of Joint Venture Contracts for exploration and development of hydrocarbons, in the areas nominated in July, which will be valid for forty years. Any company, wether it has nominated areas or not, can participate in the bidding process.

### SCHEDULE

March 1st - September 15:	Data Room opened for consultation (YPFB)
July 15-25:	Area nomination (VMEH)
August 1st:	Definition of the sole rating criteria of each nominated areas (VMEH)
September 15:	Data Room closes Reception and opening of bids and awarding of areas (YPFB)
November 15:	Signature of Joint Venture Contracts (VMEH)

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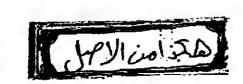
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### THE AMERICAS



### Very briefly:

- Chrysler Corp., the No. 3 U.S. carmaker, said it planned to invest \$1.5 billion in Mexico in the next five years to expand its output of pickup trucks amid increasing U.S. demand. The investment underlines the growing importance of Mexico as a production base for U.S. carmakers.
- Lear Corp., the world's largest independent auto-parts company, agreed to expand a joint venture in Russia to make Ascend Enlists Former FCC Chief aummotive seat and interior-parts for Fiat SpA vehicles. Lear, based in Southfield, Michigan, last month took over seat production for Russian automaker Gaz's Volga cars.
- Aetna Inc. agreed to acquire a 75 percent stake in a health insurance company owned by Cruz Blanca Previsioo y Seguros SA for an undisclosed amount as the U.S. insurer expands in Chile. • The U.S. government signaled that companies would be
- allowed to cooperate and share information about how to fix the year 2000 bags in their computer systems without violating the antitrust laws. The move by the Justice Department came in response to a proposal by the securities industry to let -Wall Street firms and their computer-services suppliers share information oo how to handle the so-called millennium bng.
- Workers at Pequiveo SA, Venezuela's state petrochemical company, went oo strike, and unioo leaders said 60,000 workers in the rest of the oil industry could strike in solidarity as soon as Monday.
- Digital Microwave Corp., a wireless-telephone equipment maker in San Jose, California, said it would fire about 165 employees, or 15 percent of its 1,100-persoo work force, in response to slowing demand and increased competition. The company warned in April that sales and profit margins would be burt by the economic crisis in Asia.
- Pacific Century Financial Corp. of Honolulu said it would take a \$19.4 millioo restructuring charge against second quarter earnings, in connection with its previously announced iotentioo to close 25 branches.

# Technology Bears Weigh on Wall Street

NEW YORK - Stocks fell Thursday, pulled down by a slump in technology stocks and by govern-ment jobs and manufacturing reports that suggested the economy may be

slowing enough to burt profits.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed 23.41 points lower, at

The Standard & Poor's 500 Index dropped 2.14 points, to 1,146.42, and the Nasdaq composite index slid 20.46 points, to 1.894.00. Parametric Technology Corp. was the biggest decliner, after

### U.S. STOCKS

warning that earnings will suffer because of slack demand for its software in Asia.

"With the Asian fallont, many companies are finding a fundamental deterioration in the demand for their goods and services," said Ned Riley, chief investment officer for BankBoston Corp.
The benchmark 30-year Treas-

ury bond rose 14/32 to 107 17/32, taking the yield to 5.60 percent from 5.63 percent.

Parametric, which makes software that helps engineers design cars, planes and beavy equipment, tumbled 234 to 1/16. The company said revenue for the third quarter

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U.S. Federal Communications

Mr. Hundt, who as the U.S. gov-

policymaker led the push to dereg-

be "involved in opening foreign

markets" and assessing Ascend's

strategies related to products that

combine voice and fax calls with

Ascend and rivals like Cisco Sys-

tems Inc. are selling many of their

products to telephone companies

and Internet providers, who want the

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cend Communications Inc., the Internet and avoid fees paid by tra-

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said Thursday that it had oamed like AT&T Corp. That strategy has

Reed Hundt, former chairman of the sparked a fierce regulatory and legal

ernment's top telecommunications front," for networking companies

ulate the industry, said he planned to analyst with the research firm Pita

Telecommunications companies munications Act of 1996.

U. S. STOCK MARKET DIARY

ending July would be about 15 percent below the average estimate of \$292 million to \$300 million, and that earnings also would be unexpectedly low.

CompUSA, the largest U.S. computer retailer, warned of bad news on profits. CompUSA said it would report an unexpected loss in its fourth quarter because of falling personal computer prices and weak

The CompUSA news highlights what's going in with tech-nology," said Bob Basel, bead of listed trading at Salomon Smith

Barney. CompUSA shares fell 11/16 to 161/2.

Sun Microsystems and International Business Machines declined after a Salomon Smith Barney Inc. analyst, John Jones Jr., lowered earnings estimates for the companies both of which have extensive operations in Asia.

IBM fell 1 to 115% and Sun percent. dropped 21/2 to 42 7/16.

to 26% after the company said quarterly results would be below expectations because of a slowdown in orders from chipmakers.

Netscape Communications bucked the trend in technology issues. Its shares soared for a second day on speculation the No. 1 Internet browser software maker may win an investment from a media company. Netscape rose 5% to 41 5/16 after

rising to a high of 43 9/16. On Wednesday, the shares climbed 32 Netscape has been struggling to

KLA-Tencor Corp. declined 11/8 define a strategy after Microsoft grabbed a large chunk of browser market share and Netscape's software sales to corporate customers (Bloomberg, AP)

### about Japan's bank plan. There's still time to sell yen." The so-called "bridge bank"

package confirmed market expec-tations of no new funding to address FOREIGN EXCHANGE the estimated 77 trillion yen in bad

"The Japanese haven't done enough," said a trader at a U.S. government contended that a company in Panama City, Florida, called the U.S. Consumer Protection Agency, operated the Web site. There was no answer at the commoney center bank in London. At 4 P.M., the dollar was at 140.875 yen, up from 137.85 yen. The U.S. Treasury secretary, pany's phone oumber, and the Web Robert Rubin, welcomed Japan's plan, saying it was important that Japan quickly dispose "of the burwww.usconsumerprotectionag.org, has been dismantled, according to den of bad assets on the system and achieve the necessary restructuring and consolidation of the banking

debt, traders said.

Yen Is Hurt

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NEW YORK - The dollar

ained ground against the yen Thurs-

day in the wake of market disap-

pointment over Japan's plan to re-form its fiailing banking sector.

"Japan's banking system isn't going to recover for a year or two,"

said Dick Alford, currency strategist at Potomac Babson Inc., a

money management firm. "There

are still lots and lots of questions

About Plan

tioned provision of public money. But analysts in Asia said the plan appeared to be too drawn out to provide much relief in the short term, too lement on banks that should be allowed to fail and too optimistic on the eventual cost of

system with appropriately condi-

the bailout. .Until Japan puts the plan into action, though, investors and traders will be reluctant to buy the yen or Japanese assets.

"There is a lot of uncertainty about the package," said Takanobu Igarashi, market economist at San-

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Against other major currencies, the dollar was at 1.8200 Deutsche marks, up from 1.8180 DM. The dollar was also at 1.5325 Swiss francs, up from 1,5277 francs and at 6.1035 French francs, up from 6.0950 francs. The pound was at \$1:6590, up.

slightly from \$1.6577. The dollar rose against the mark amid further nervousness about Russia's economic situation. It was further buoyed by comments from a member of the Bundesbank that German interest rates would not rise. (Market News, Bloomberg)

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### 'Consumer Protection Agency'? Buyer Beware By David Segal tection Agency — described as a tection," said Iodie Bernstein, dipublic watchdog organization comhington Post Service

WASHINGTON — The Federal Trade Commission may be flattered

- but it is suing anyway. The agency sought an injunction Thursday against a Florida company that offered investors the chance to own and operate their own chapters of a government agency that sounded like a part of the FTC.

site advised those who "truly wish

Networking Company Gains an Expert on Regulatory Thickets

"The battle lines are moving from

the technology front to the regulatory

like Ascend, said Craig Johnson, an

Group in Portland, Oregon. With Mr.

Hundt oo its board, Ascend will have

"access to people and expertise it

may not otherwise have had access

join Charles Ross Partners, a con-

sulting firm in Bethesda, Maryland.

est to halt its marketing alliance with

Ameritech Corp., a regional Bell,

citing provisions in the Telecom-

Mr. Hundt left the FCC in 1997 to

This week, the FCC ordered Qw-

The arrangement, like a similar

Mr. Johnson said.

national Inc. also want oew gear to one between Qwest and US West Inc.

send long-distance calls over the that was blocked by a U.S. judge,

cents, at \$49.

Frankfurt

mitted to fighting consumer fraud. One catch: There is oo U.S. Con-

sumer Protection Agency. Nonetheless, the ad claimed that for \$6,000 in training and certification fees, investors could be awarded the right to review and provide a seal of approval to local corporations. That, according to the ad, would bring in The company's World Wide Web as much as \$6,000 a week.

munities" to snap up a local fran- consumers by passing themselves the government.

would let customers of the Baby

Bells buy long-distance service from

Qwest. Those alliances were chal-

lenged in court by AT&T and MCI

Communications Corp., the two

largest U.S. long-distance providers.

■ Computer 2000 to Sell Stake

computer distributor, said it would

sell its majority stake in AmeriQuest

Technologies Inc. of the United

States, Reuters reported from

The company said the sale of its

stake in the U.S. computer tech-

oology company would belp bolster

its profit forecast for the 1997-98

financial year to more than 150 mil-

lion Deutsche marks (\$82.5 million)

as it would mean some budgeted

provisions would not be oeeded.

Computer 2000 AG, a German

Shares of Ascend closed up 75

sumer Protection. In a complaint filed by the Justice Department on the FTC's behalf, the

"Just when you think you've to make a difference in their com- seen it all, someone tries to scam

### Signs of Division On Federal Rates

site, previously found

Bloomberg News WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Board policymakers were not unanimous in deciding to hold the overnight bank lending rate steady at their May 19 meeting, a session that exhibited growing division among the nation's central bankers, according to minutes of the meeting released Thursday.

The Federal Open Market Committee voted, 10 to 2, to leave the federal funds target unchanged at 5.50 perceot, the minotes of the session showed. The St. Louis Fed bank pres-

ident, William Poole, and the Cleveland Fed bank president, Jerry Jordan, cast the two dissenting votes. They cited an increase in the money supply and the availability of easy credit, which they view as having the potential to drive up prices.

At its latest meeting, which ended Wednesday, the Fed left interest rates unchanged.

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# Gazprom Will Yield On Russian Tax Bill

MOSCOW — Gazprom, the management control, seize comworld's largest gas company and pany airplanes, yachts, hunting Russia's biggest tax delinquent, lodges and other assets and freeze agreed Thursday to pay more taxes the company's ruble and foreignafter the government threatened to currency bank accounts after seize company assets, freeze bank Gazprom failed to pay all its June accounts and replace the board.

The agreement, under which This week, the government state-controlled Gazprom will pay 4 threatened to limit oil companies billion rubles (\$645 million) in taxes access to export pipelines before a month, four times what it paid in granting those with the biggest tax June, comes a day after the gov- arrears three more months to clear remment settled its tax dispute with 12 oil companies.

for about a third of Russia's tax

"The government seems to have gotten what it wants," said Stephen O'Sullivan, an oil analyst at United Financial Group in Moscow. "It has shocked Gazprom into respond-

Gazprom owes the government a total of 12 billion rubles in tax arrears — about equal to the total amount of tax the government collected in April. Government-funded Gazprom about 13 billion rubles in back payments for supplies, said the Russian deputy prime minister, Boris Nemtsov.

government targeted Gazprom, which supplies 25 percent of Western Europe's gas, in an attempt to convince investors, and the International Monetary Fund, that it was serious about rapidly raising tax collection and narrowing its budget deficit.

Russia is seeking an IMF-led loan of as much as \$15 billion to bolster reserves and coovince investors that it can cover its debts.

Gazprom fell 12.6 percent to 33 U.S. cents on the Moscow Stock change in dividend policy intended,

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statements that it would increase

their tax debts.

Gazprom, valued at about \$25.2 Oil and gas companies account billion based on its American depository receipts, has until Monday to pay 4.2 billion rubles of its June tax debt or the government will revise the agreement, Prime Minister Sergei Kiriyenko said.

A Gazprom vice president, Vyachslav Sheremet, said the company would "stick to the agreement Gazprom shares will probably

fall for another three to five days on concern about the conflict between said Gazprom's president, Rem

# **UBS** Is Told To Shape Up

BERN - UBS AG, the world's second-biggest bank, was told by a Swiss regulator to tighten its risk controls after the bank, the old Union Bank of Switzerland, lost 625 million Swiss francs (\$412 million) on derivatives last year.

While the watchdog exonerated Mathis Cabiallavetta, UBS AG's chairman and chief executive of the old UBS, it blamed "several deficiencies" in controls and other unnamed individuals' mistakes for the

In 1997, UBS ousted Ramy Goldstein, the equity derivatives head, and other employees because of the losses. UBS AG. which was formed by the \$29.3 billion merger of UBS and Swiss Bank Corp., has increased its risk controls, the bank said.

The Federal Banking Commission asked outside auditors to monitor risk controls at the bank, which has tightened trading supervision and increased controls by its directors.

# Paris Seeks Earlier End Investor's Europe To National Currencies

cies about two months after the union officials said. switch to the single European currency as general legal tender in Europe to produce euro coins - had 2002, Finance Minister Dominique stopped operating last week.

Strauss-Kahn said Thursday. met Wednesday and the "nearunanimous" view was that the peri- euro coins by the end of 2001. od of dual circulation should be limited to "between six, eight or 10 weeks," far less than the maximum six months allowed.

"I will press this issue with our partners." he said.

The euro will be launched for 1999 by 11 of the 15 European Union member countries.

will participate in the euro are Germany, France, Italy, the Netherlands,

Luxembourg, Belgium, Austria, Fin-land, Ireland, Portugal and Spain. Separately, the French mint on Bank to monitor inflation.

Thursday resumed making euro PARIS - France is planning to coins after trade unions and the manask its euro-zone partners to con- agement agreed to hire 18 additional sider withdrawing national curren- workers, ending an eight-day strike,

France's only mint - the first in

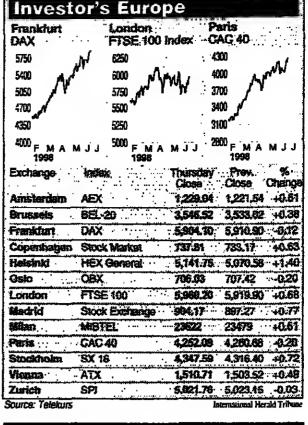
Unions accused management of Mr. Strauss-Kahn said France's understaffing the huge operation national committee on the euro had needed to ensure that France meets its production target of 7.6 billion

### ■ Inflation Stays Level

Inflation in the countries joining Europe's monetary union was unchanged in May, the latest sign that the common currency will get under way next year with low interest interbank transactions from January rates, Bloomberg News reported from Brussels

The annual inflation rate held at But it is only scheduled to become 1.4 percent, said Eurostat, the Eurothe general commercial tender from pean Union statistics office. The rate Jan. 1, 2002. The 11 countries that in the 15-nation EU as a whole was unchanged at 1.6 percent

> Eurostat figures, which come out a month later than national statistics, will be used by the European Central



### Very briefly:

 Banca Nazionale del Lavoro SpA's chairman, Mario Sarcinelli, resigned, citing differences with the Treasury Ministry over the state's sale of the bank to private investors. The bank is Italy's sixth-largest financial institution.

 Prudential Corp., Britain's largest insurer, said it would have to pay as much as £1.1 billion (\$1.8 billion) to clear up cases of the improper selling of pensions. Prudential, which is not affiliated with Prudential Insurance Co. of America, had already set aside £450 million.

The International Monetary Fund's research director, Michael Mussa, said the IMF would cut its growth forecast for this year because of the Asian economic crises to about 2.5 percent instead of 3 percent.

 Vauxhall, the British arm of General Motors Corp., said it was creating 1,000 new jobs at its Ellesmere Port plant in northwest England to boost production of its Astra model.

 A Bundesbank Council member, Hans-Juergen Koebnick, said there was no need for the central bank to raise German interest rates, at least through the summer, to ease the transition to the introduction of the euro on Jan. 1.

# Revamped GEC Plans to Prowl for More Acquisitions

LONDON - General Electric Co. of Britain rounded off a rapid series of restructuring moves on Thursday, saying its completed reorganization left it with \$8 billion electronic industries.

The company also announced a industrial electronics. new share buyback program and a Exchange.

The showdown with Gazprom began with a flurry of government nology, higher margin, higher

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GEC's underlying pretax profits for the fiscal year ended March 31 were up 7 percent from the previons year at £1.08 billion, on revenue of

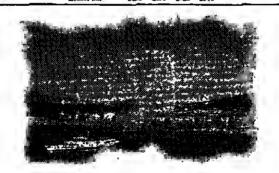
'All the changes and the share right to sell to the company one share buyback were very positive," said for every 50 held, at a premium of Andrew Crispin, an analyst at SG "We will be looking to use our £1.50 a share, subject to a maximum Securities. Despite that, however very significant financial capacity to exercise price of £6.50. GEC shares we don't see the growth profile exercise price of £6.50. GEC shares we don't see the growth profile changing very much." He said the The company also cut the full-shares were "fairly valued."

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

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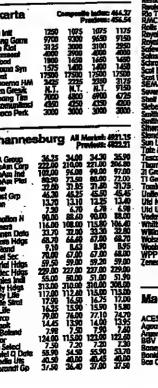
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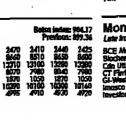




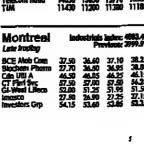














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# Hyundai Sets Joint-Venture Plants in North Asian Bank

By Don Kirk

ernational Herald Tribu SEOUL - South Korea's largest South can attain international comconglomerate hopes to join forces with North Korea in a joint venture for manufacturing simple products in the North under a plan announced

A co-chairman of the Hyundai Group, Chung Mong Hun, said Hy-undai and the North's National Economic Coordination Committee had agreed on the plan during a visit of Hyundai executives to the North last

Mr. Chung said Hyundai and the North Koreans would use manufacturing facilities moved from the South to the North to make such basic products as textiles, shoes and toys. He forecast exports of \$4.1 billion a year, about 10 percent of it to be used

By Don Kirk

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The dilemma confronting Hangul

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to pay the wages of thousands of the North Korean laborers.

petitiveness as a result of the venture," Mr. Chang told South Korean journalists. "h's time to cooperate in this difficult economic siniation."

The bold plan represents perhaps the most concrete sign so far that the South Korean president, Kim Dae Jung, intends to pursue his "sun-shine policy" of rapprochement with North Kores despite the capture of a midget North Korean submarine snared in a fishing net in South Korean waters June 22.

South Korean officials said they as 50,000 tons of food. were certain the South Korean govogized for the submarine episode.

Koreans Bristle at Software Deal

Local Company Draws Fire for Ceding a Market to Microsoft

the North by remarking that "the southeastern North Korea. North is showing positive attitudes toward economic cooperation and tourism," according to Yonhap, South Korea's semiofficial press

The president, meeting with South Korea's culture and tourism minister. Shin Nak Yun, urged him to "promote projects for cooperation and exchanges with North Korea."

Hyundai's foray into the North began with a project by the Hyundai Group founder, Chang Ju Yung, to send 1,001 cows to the North as well

Officials said the president's re- export zone. exnment would approve Hyundai's marks indicated that he fully enplans for doing business with North dorsed Hyundai's program, which might postpone the tourist trips as a korea, even if the North never apolals includes a plan to transport result of the submarine incident but 1,000 tourists daily oo ferry boats did not plan to cancel it.

guilty of lack of patriotism for

selling a Korean birthright, the key

to its unique lettering system, to foreign interests. That Microsoft

would not demand any operating

control and would limit its capital

investment to 19 percent of the com-

pany's value does not impress the

A "Hangul Venture Company Committee" has been set up to raise

the funds needed to keep the com-

pany alive without Microsoft's in-

vestment, "Lee Chan Jin and his

staff must fight until the end," Lee Min Hwa, chairman of the com-

mittee, said in a newspaper inter-

view. He offered statistics purport-

ing to show that the cost of

retraining people on Microsoft soft-

ware would exceed Hangul & Com-

puter's debt of about \$14 million.

company whose total value may be

save his company, while flattering,

For Lee Chan Jin, the campaign to

President Kim indicated his en- between South Korea's northeast dorsement of Hyundai's efforts in coast port of Sokebo and Wonsan in

Mr. Chung said Hyundai would buy four ferry boats for \$150 million, with two of them due to arrive by Sept. 20, in time to open the service by Sept. 25. He said tourists would get to spend four or five days in the North in the region of Mount Keumkang (Diamond Mountain).

"If the project is successful, we will open up several other areas." he said, citing Mount Packtu, the Korean Peninsula's highest peak, just south of the Chinese border, as a mous cost that widespread, systemlikely choice. He linked the tourism atic corruption exacts upon govern-project to the plan for building an ments and economies" as Asia

South Korean officials said they

### Year Into Crisis, Thai Aide Lays Blame on IMF

BANGKOK — Deputy Prime Minister Supachai Panichpakdi criticized the In-ternational Monetary Fund on

Thursday for misreading the Asian economic crisis, which was sparked when Thailand floated its currency exactly one year ago.

Mr. Supachai said the IMF was wrong in its assessment of Thailand's wounded economy and did not beed Bangkok's warnings that the slump in local financial markets threatened to turn into a regional economie

maelstrom. "The IMF was wrong because they did not expect the crisis to spread out to other conntries in the region," he said. "We had to warn them that we would face a severe recession.

But Mr. Supachai, who is also commerce minister, did not put all the blame on the IMF, which threw Thailand a \$17.2 billion lifeline last August. He said that it was Thailand's duty to maintain financial discipline.

Thai shares soared 4 percent Thursday, in andcipation of measures to stimulate the ailing Japanese economy, analysts said. The Stock Exchange of Thailand composite index closed 10.65 points higher, at 277.98, amid increases elsewhere in Asia.

# Aims to Cut Huge Graft

MANILA - The Asian Develcoment Bank presented a policy Thursday that makes corruption an issue in lending, estimating that tens of billions of dollars in foreign funds were lining pockets in the region.

Bank officials said the policy, approved unanimously by the bank's board, aims to reduce "the enorattempts to dig itself out of financial

The bank is a major development lending institution in the region, anproving \$9.4 billion in loans to Asian member countries in 1997.

The new policy is reflected in its \$1.5 billion loan package to Indone-sia last month, which included 'stringent auditing requirements as well as other measures to improve accountability and transparency, the bank said.

With the crisis harmmering the region, the issue of corruption has gone beyond being "a political problem," said the bank's general counsel, Barry Metzger. "It's an economic problem. Particularly in the financial circumstances that the region finds itself in, when the ecouomies are slowing down, people are unprepared to bear the cost of corruption.

Many Asian governments have realized "they have to come to grips with the problem of corruption as part of their response to the Asian financial crisis," Mr. Metzger added.

The development bank said it would raise anti-corruption issues in country programs and development discussions with governments, while ensuring that its projects and staff adhere to the highest ethical standards.

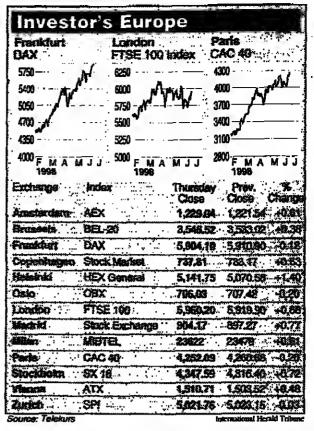
"Breaches of specific loan regulations or covenants could result in a decision by management to blacklist

the firm involved, suspend disburse-ments or cancel the loan," it said.

Roberto Beschel, the bank's strategy and policy officer, said the exact cost of corruption was dif-ficult to estimate. But the policy paper said previous studies showed the cost were staggering.

"Corruption can add between 20 percent and 100 percent to government costs for goods and services in several Asian countries," the paper

About 50 percent of tax revenues are lost to graft, it said, adding that in some countries, "losses due to corruption can total more than a conn-



### Very briefly:

• National Australia Bank said a survey of Australian business conditions and confidence had shown a big drop in the second quarter. The business confidence index fell to minus 12.8 points from 0.6 point in the previous quarter, while the business conditions index dropped to minus 6 points from 4

• South Korea's money supply grew at its slowest pace on record in June, 8.5 percent — down from 8.6 percent in May giving the central bank room to lower interest rates to help the country's debt-laden companies

 Malayan Banking Bhd., the biggest bank in Malaysia, said it would cut the rate it charges its best enstomers to 11.9 percent from 12.1 percent. The cut follows moves by Malaysia's central bank aimed at easing a credit crunch.

· Bank Bumiputra, the third-largest bank in Malaysia, will not require government funds to prop it up, despite concerns about its financial condition, Finance Minister Anwar Ibrahim

 Hong Kong's chief executive, Tung Chee-hwa, speaking at the official opening of the new airport at Chek Lap Kok, said the government would invest 235 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$31.5 billion) in education and infrastructure projects in the coming years to help the flagging economy.

 Oman National Holding Co. and Al Ahlia Portfolio Securities said they had merged, creating one of the largest financial companies in the Gulf sultanate, to be known as Oman National Investment Corp. It will have assets of more than \$125 million.

 Taiwan's growth forecast may be revised to below 6 percent this year, from 6.02 percent, if a key high-speed rail project is delayed too long, government officials said. Construction of the railway, to link Taipei and Kaohsiung, was delayed after the consortium that is building it and the government failed to thrash out differences over a contract.

 The Federation of Korean Trade Unions and the Korean Confederation of Trade Unions, the two main labor organizations in South Korea, plan a joint rally on July 12 to protest the government's drive to restructure banks, which threatens union members' job security.

# JOBS: Tenure Stable, U.S. Study Finds

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decline is the direct result of the to opt for early retirement than womwhite-collar recession of the early en of the Depression generation."
1990s or of a general decline of male Actually, Mr. Farber, the Princeparticipation in the labor force.

to 10 years from 9.8 years.

economist, Shoshana Grossbard- today. Shechtman, who has studied the women born in the years leading up evidence for that," Mr. Farber said.

Lawrence Katz, said it was probably early retirement but are "more comtoo early to conclude whether this mitted to their career and less likely

group, in contrast to their male col- and female tenure increasing at a leagues, had a rise in median tenure little faster rate could offset each A San Diego State University work force by about 8 percent

That would keep overall job tenure

Korean-script software market, according to an announcement re-leased by the two companies, mentary, this one on a radio talk Hangul will accept \$10 million to show. "If Hangul & Computer SEOUL - Lee Chan Jin's of- Hangul will accept \$10 million to ficial biography describes him as \$20 million from Microsoft, which gives up Hangul software, it will be "leader of the software industry in it could then invest in developing a tremendous loss for the country. The entire business will be taken over by Microsoft, and people will have to learn MS Word." The commentary did not say so. but the implication is that Hangul is

the adverse publicity he's getting these days that he refuses to talk ciple shortly before Microsoft Corp.'s chief, Bill Gates, visited The problem, say Mr. Lee's aides erated a storm that no one at Hangul at Hangul & Computer Co., is that or Microsoft Korea expected. The fact that the deal appears to have been concluded, except for the signing of a contract, has done nothing to stop the protest.

is acute but is faced by scores of . The implications are disturbing to South Korean companies that wel- a government that is committed to come foreign investment but have to persuading foreign investors to come here with the funds needed to bail out a wide range of compa-In the eight years since Mr. Lee nies

"I was with Bill Gates when our president asked him if he was aware there was a movement regarding Hangul," said Park Jie Won, the presidential press secretary, "Mr. Gates said he was aware of the seninnent. He said he might find some other way to invest if that became an

deepest strains of Korean patriot-Mr. Park, making clear President Kim's distaste for the opposition to five times the available capital in a But despite a market share of the deal, said, "We know that formore than 60 percent, the product eign investment is the only way to has begun to lose money. So the revitalize our ailing economy. company wants to withdraw entirely Such arguments, however, are from that business and leave it to- lost upon the fervent critics of the

Microsoft Korea, which now has deal. about 30 percent of the local market. The Committee to Save Hangul In return for withdrawing from the Software has been established, and

'We need some time to negotiate with Microsoft," said Park Soon Back, vice president of Hangal, trying to explain the secrecy surrounding the talks with Microsoft. "If not, our company will be bankrupt." The reality is that 80 percent of

the software in Korea is pirated, said to World War II are showing in-creasing commitment to their work. Jung Soo. "We can't make any in median tenure, though not quite as dramatic: from 12.8 to 10.1 years. Ms. Grossbard-Shechtman calls more," he said. "Without any kind amatic: from 12.8 to 10.1 years. Ms. Grossbard-Shechtman calls more," he said, "Without any kind until these troubled banks could cause it was not accompanied by Mr. Hashimoto and his Liberal that they don't want to cut of A Harvard University economist, them, are now becoming eligible for of investment from an outer source, be sold or merged or shut down. permanent income tax cuts, a Democratic Party are only 10 money from their old cronies, it will be really difficult to do any-

\$50 million

is unrealistic.

Miss Kim added: "The public is and loans crisis. angry about the deal with Microsoft. Of course, it's a cultural thing, but ton economist said, the twin trends the public doesn't buy the software. Women in the 55-to-64 age of male tenure edging down slightly. If they had bought the software, we wouldn't have this problem."

So what will the company do other. Men outnumber women in the next, with the help of Microsoft's work force by about 8 percent investment? "It will be totally different from packaged software," said Miss Kim, refusing to go into work patterns of women, reported in a recent study that the generation of a nation of nomads — there's no be involved. What we will do will be in the infrastructural business."

# JAPAN: Government Unveils \$200 Billion Plan to Prop Up Bank Sector

Continued from Page 1

clean up the 1980s U.S. savings about.

was guarded because it leaves 'called too slow and piecemeal in unanswered questions, analysts correcting its problems, emphat-said. How able and aggressive ically told foreign reporters vast sum of tax dollars will be

feared the markets will react neg- and we can fire them anytime we that could be burt by a weak atively because the plan con- want, either before the election bide time — up to five years — tained no big surprise, and beuntil these troubled banks could cause it was not accompanied by Mr. Hashimoto and his Liberal that they don't want to cut off

A top government official, The initial reaction to the plan clearly irked about Japan's being

In addition, many analysts of it. Bullets are still in the gun companies and small businesses LDP is out of power."

The plan is similar to one used to move politicians are talking days away from an important na- said Craig Chudler, a strategist at tional election, which has been Salomon Smith Barney in seen by many as a reason the Tokyo. "You have got to retough measures.

unworthy borrowers? What will been taking various aggressive ensure that banks will compty and take buge hits in writing off did not want to be named. "And billions of dollars in bad loans? I would say that this is not the end base of support: construction

banking system.

government was slow to take member Mr. Hashimoto is oo the campaign trail and he is talking The announcement that such a very big now."

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# URANIUM: Impact on a Deal

ican taxpayers.

United States Enrichment orp, the federal operator of the corporation's managers the plants in Ohio and Kentucky that enrich natural uranium to commercial react- liveries to allow the corpoor fuel, was assigned to put ration to sell more from its the agreement in effect.

That seemed the obvious way to go, save for one fact: In an entirely unrelated burst keep the corporation on the of enthusiasm for privatizing straight and narrow is likely government assets, Congress to be strained again.
had earlier decreed that the As long as the price public corporation should be Russia is less than the presold to the highest bidder.

Council of Economic Advisers, pointed to the conflict uranium fuel market is weak of interest. A privatized, — and will probably get rofit-maximizing United weaker unless the Asian States Enrichment Corp., he economies soon recover from argued, would have an incentive to buy as little Russian euriched uranium as possible surprise if the government - at least as long as the price were someday forced to paid to the Russians was high- choose between turning a er than the corporation's own, blind eye toward United heavily subsidized cost of States Enrichment Corp.'s producing each extra bit of machinations or buying up reactor fuel. reactor fuel.

But the government's na- at the taxpayers' risk. tional security establishment ouclear weapons out of the out of Russia? hands of malefactors.

ergy Department and the Treasury Secretary Robert Council all insisted that the Federico Pena assured him corporation would do the that "if problems arise the right thing because federal administration will not heswatchdogs would otherwise itate to add or replace execinterveue.

Mr. Stiglitz was out- for 'yes."

Continued from Page 13 gunned, but not outargued: There was already tangible dime coming from the Amer- evidence that the business conflict was real.

Even as public servants. had been caught secretly asking the Russians to slow deinventory.

And by Mr. Neff's anal-

ysis, the government's will to As long as the price paid to vailing world price, the fuel

Joseph Stiglitz, then the can always be resold without chairman of the President's cost to the government.

Connection of Economic Ad
But Mr. Neff notes that the - and will probably get

their downturn. Thus it would hardly be a

Would Washington invest put the cause of reinventing billions of dollars to keep the government ahead of keeping fissionable material flowing

In a letter to Senator John The State Department, En- Glenn, the Ohio Democrat, sident's National Security Rubin and Energy Secretary utive agents" — longhand for "yes." SCI TECH SICAV

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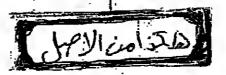
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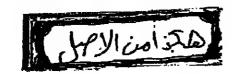
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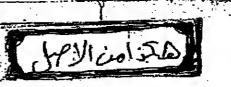


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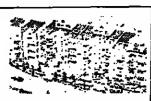
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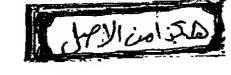
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BASKETBALL CBS and Fox, the U.S. television networks, are looking into televising exhibition games with National Basketball. Association players — or maybe even beginning a rival basketball league — during the lockout.

The networks were angered last

month when David Stern, the NBA commissioner, expressed interest in a football league being developed hy Turner Sports and NBC. CBS and Fox have had talks with players' agents, some agents said Wednesday.

• Charles Oakley, the Toronto

Raptors forward, was cited for battery after a woman claimed he punched her in the face outside a

restaurant in Atlanta. Saronda Smith told the police that Oakley was angry with her because she refused to have sex with him and his girlfriend, a police



Jacques Kallis of South Africa playing a shot on Thursday.

### **England Expects Little**

CRICKET English fans stayed away Thursday as another national team suffered another had day. Only 11,700 turned op for the first day of the third test against South Africa in Manchester. Six days after the rugby union team was crushed by New Zealand, and two days after the soccer team lost in the World Cup, the cricket team conallowing South Africa to score 237 runs for just one wicket. Jacques Kallis was 117 not out and Gary Kirsten 98 not out.

### Leyland Picks Alumui

BASEBALL Jim Leyland, the manager of the Florida Marlins, picked five members of the club's 1997 World Series championship team for the National League squad for the All-Star game next week. San Diego's Kevin Brown, Houston's Moises Alou, San Francisco's Rohb Nen, Arizona's Devon and Los Angeles' Gary Sheffield White join Edgar Renteria, the lone player from this year's Marlins.

### Damages for Wales Player

RUGBY UNION Ricky Evans, a former Wales prop, won damages against Olivier Merle, a French lock. In what is helieved to be the first case of its kind, a high court judge in Paris awarded Evans an interim payment of more than \$8,000 from Merle for injuries that Evans claims ruined his international career.

Merlc head-butted Evans during an international in Paris in January 1995. As Evans fell hc damaged his left ankle. He played one more game for Wales.

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# Soccer Turns a Blind Eye as the Game's Finest Turn Bad

DARIS — Anybody around here ever hear of Jacques Glassmann? No Zidane, no Bergkamp, no Beckham he; no millions, no intolerable on-field infantilism, no army of apologists and, eventually, no job either.

Glassmann? A soccer nobody turned pariah. Zidane, Beckham, Bergkamp: nasty kicks at opponents, pouty frus-trations, behavior that kids used to get slapped for; great players awash in selfindulgent aggression, putting their teams chances at risk — and defended afterward by a Sir Bohby Charlton or a Johann Cruyff, who say that it's all understandable, we shouldn't make a

Jacques Glassmann: a guy who played for Valenciennes in the French First Division, just another sweatsoaked shirt in a rust-pocked town over hy the Belgian border. It was Glassmann who hlew the whistle on a match-fixing attempt in 1993 that brought down the crooked little empire of Olympique Marseille, then the European club champion, and Bernard Tapie, its larcenous owner, who once served Fran-

cois Mitterrand as a cahinet minister. It was also Glassmann who became the professional player who could never get decent work again. Because of his accusations, but more as a result of the soccer establishment's labeling him a do-good pest who no one could afford Vantage Point/John VINOCUR

within their organization, Glassmann could not play anymore. No one in France wanted him, no one in Europe. Alongside the pols and dozing official guests in Michel Platini's presidential box, there has been no sign of him on exhibit as soccer's honest man.

Over the past five years, international soccer's instinct has been to bury Jacques Glassmann. Over the past two weeks, the same instinct - avoid any recognition of loutishness or chicanery - has functioned again. Nothing serious has been forthcoming to explain the miserable husiness of the vanished World Cup tickets and the unsatisfactory allotment of those that were left And now, a soccer saint in Sir Bohby and a soccer genius in Cruyff (no pre-tense of sancity here, from n man the papers say was once known at home in the Netherlands as the Money Wolf), both have been urging everyone just to let the stars' little moments of vicious-

Did you actually see Bergkamp, the Dutchman who was English soccer's player of the year, stomp Yugoslavia's Sinisa Mihajlovic and escape without a red card? Or Zinedine Zidane of France raking his studs across the belly of a Saudi Arabian defender? Or England's David Beckham, lying on his back,

pausing for what resembled a millisecond's thought and then lashing a kick at Diego Simeone of Argentina? It was all so dumh, so totally inexcusable.

In response, there were no voices from soccer's tight little world won-dering aloud if the fans felt robbed of Zidane's brilliance when he senselessly. banished himself for two matches, or asking how to react when Beckham's petulance stopped in midsong a gorgeous match that had honored the sport's potential for marvel and then transformed it, with England reduced to 10 men, into a brave but essentially one-

PLATINI, AS much honored in France as Madame Curie, said none of this in a long radio in-terview Wednesday night. His public desire for self-examination stops at the tedious debate about whether referees should be able to check video monitors in questionable situations. The soccer establishment's failure at any kind of critical introspection provides only a demeaning framework for the new wonders from a player like England's Michael Owen or the courage of goal-keepers like Jorge Campos of Mexico or Paraguay's Jose Luis Chilavert.

Rationalization, not retribution, was

don to Paris. Dutch television viewers heard Bergkamp tell a reporter after his assault. 'I knew what I was doing.' Cruyff said sure; Bergkamp deserved expulsion, but it was high time that he showed he could protect himself. In turn, Bergkamp's stomp became the standard by which Beckham's outburst

was minimized by Glenn Hoddle, the England coach. His player's attack, Hoddle said, was much less violent. When it was Sir Bobby's turn, the social worker in him talked of Beckham's foul as if only it had not had to happen in full view of hundreds of mil-

lions of people.
"Unfortunately," he said, "because
it is such a high profile event, people will
remember it. He's a very sensitive lad." By the time the England team got home, if the Times of London has it right, Prime Minister Tony Blair, the source of ultimate pardon in Cool Britannia, "had absolved Beckham, saying fans should look at the good he had done."

My own respect for Aime Jacquet, the very buttoned-up French team coach, leapt when he looked past Zidane with a glare that would have frozen a glass of tequila as the player walked past him after being thrown out of France's second match. No fanny pats, just ice. But it took only until the next day's news conference for Jacquet to recalibrate and begin filing the hard edges off

his man's miserable behavior and sus-pension until the quarterfinals.

The standard rationalizations con-cerning all the offenders is that soccer is

mostly monstrous frustration, with the greatest individual skills continuously wiped out by a combination of brutal defenders and the sheer difficulty of scoring goals. The 1998 World Cup, the explanation goes, has magnified that frustration with an epidemic of shirt-grabbing and erratic directives from FIFA for the referees. But that hardly seems to illuminate why three maly masterful players, the antithesis of ice hockey goons, have one after another dispraced themselves.

This answer comes instead: These players feel treally represented to the company of the company

players feel totally protected by their environment, invulnerable, always excused. The evidence suggests that they are not far from wrong, in a closed soccer world where there is never much of a market for shame. The fact is - and this World Cup is its perfect demon-stration — that almost all soccer's dur rinses away overnight in the wash. There is always another match, and the hope that it will be a fine one.

Jacques Glassmann? He played a bit a year or so ago on Reunion Island, a French territory in the Indian Ocean, where he was constantly jeered as the man who did in Olympique Marseille.

These days, he is described as unemployed and living with his in-laws.

# A Battle of the Blues, And Flair vs. Order

Fiery Duels Spice Up Quarterfinal Clashes

By Rob Hughes

ARIS — For France, there has to be style; for Italy, the result is enough. But when Les Bleus and the Azzurri (also the Blues) meet at Stade de France on Friday afternoon, the cultural differences between what each expects from sports will mean little. It will be winner-take-all.

It is a contest of intrigue, out least because the final rounds of the World Cup depend so much on the French continuing to play host. It is full of

France vs. Italy, St. Denis, 4:30 P.M. Brazil vs. Denmark, Nantes, 9 P.M.

individual duels between players who know every muscle of each other because half the French players are em-

ployed by Italian clubs.
Duel numero Uno is Zinedine Zidane, of France and Juventus, against Dino Baggio, of Italy and Parma. The playmaker against the destroyer. The idol of France against the worker of Italy. The man who feels pressure against an opponent who applies it.

Zidane needs an inspiring performance to atone for his sending off, for a kick of petulance, when France demolished Sandi Arabia in this same stadium three matches ago. He needs to show not only that his brain creates and his feet dazzle, but that temperamentally he can cope in the arena where all of France will acclaim him as its hero, or condemn him as the son of immigrant Algerians.

No man is a team, but Zidane comes close to that for France. Without his flair, the French were so pale a shade of blue in Lens last week that they almost fell to Paraguay. It was an impoverished match that made compelling television because the cameras caught every suffering moment of Zidane hiting his finger nails on the bench. Had the national team lost then, he would have needed a fast plane back to Turin, back to Algeria, anywhere to hide from the wrath

of the people. Now his only problem is one man a seasoned Italian. How Zidane copes will determine the space and oppor-tunities that come the way of Youri Djorkaeff, also of immigrant stock, also of Italian residence, in his battle with Alessandro Costacurta. It will also shape the freedom that David Trezeguet, of Argentinean descent and upbringing, is allowed by Fabio Cannavaro.

But two can play the marking game. France has three defensive-minded players schooled in Italy's Serie A. Lilian Thuram, an adventurous right back, will set out to curb the invention of Alessandro Del Piero. The industrious Didier Deschamps will labor to repress Demetrio Albertini. And unquestionably one of the more virile head-to-heads of the evening will involve Marcel Desailly, formerly of AC Milan and about to move on to Chelsea, and Christian Vieri.

Desailly has been among the most dominating center-backs in this World Cap. Vieri, overcoming injury, is aftre with five goals so far in the tournament. At 4:30

P.M., with 80.000 at Stade de France, we shall take tea at the battle of the blues. A second spicy meal will be served in Nantes at 9 P.M. There, Danish order and

athleticism will seek to exploit the flaws in Brazil's blend of flair laced with power. This match is anything but a foregone conclusion. Denmark's side, the product of a 5.2 million population, is thilled rather than award by the prospect of expressing the

than awed by the prospect of engaging the most populous soccer nation on earth.
Here, again, individual player-to-player confrontations stir the imagination. Peter Schmeichel, a goalkeeper of immense stamre and commensurate self-belief, will

face Ronaldo, ditto in both respects. When it becomes one against one, when Ronaldo bears down on Schmeichel, I go with the goal-scorer. But he has a nagging pain, caused hy tendinitis in his left knee, and it visibly restricts his astonishing pace, his natural joy in showing whose muscle is mightier. He also misses the cunning, the improvisation that Romario, injured be-

fore the World Cup, provided. Bebeto, the stand-in, has not Ronaldo, has not served him and has not distracted defenses the way Romario would. Indeed, Bebeto has become a distraction for his team. The angry altercation on the field between Bebeto and Dunga, the still-tenacious captain, illuminated the way Brazil's customary harmony has become disrupted.

I don't think it is Bebeto's fault. At 34, the same age as Dunga, he has lost his edge. In a forward, that cannot easily be disguised. Mario Zagallo, the Brazil coach, keeps faith in Bebeto, keeps trusting that a 41st goal in 71 games for Brazil will reward what he sees as Bebeto's continuing clever movement. But in each match so far, he also has taken the old guy off and brought on Denilson. aged just 20. In every match, that switch has changed the mood, lifting the spirits in Brazil's attack.

Denmark will not stand idle while it waits for Brazil to change strikers. Its Swedish coach, Bo Johansson, puts the smile on faces at training, and the Laudrup brothers, Michael and Brian, respond far better to his avuncular coaxing than to the former coach, Richard

Moller-Nielsen, and his stem strictures. Those Laudrups will pick Brazil's central defensive pairing of Junior Bai-ano and Aldair for weaknesses. And a young man unheralded before this World Cup, the right-winger Martin Jorgensen, could use his swiftness and his trickery on the right wing to curtail Roberto Carlos, so often the exciting stimulus for Brazil. Roberto Carlos and Coach Zagallo have had "words," which is to say they argued a hit, about the left back's constantly cavalier thrusts on the flank. Roberto Carlos lets his feet do the talking, especially the left one, which, with extraordinary power and timing, can kick a ball with more ferocious deception than any other man alive.

Whether he will be free to do that, with Jorgensen sprinting behind him. will he of significant importance at Stade de Beaujoire.

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THE BIG QUESTION — Aime Jacquet, the French coach, being interrogated by French media on Thursday.

### CUP: Another German Team Powers Its Way Up With Sheer Will

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In other words, ability counts, but so, too, does the sheer strength of character and self-belief that alone can keep tide after tide of attacks coming and turn near-certain defeat into victory.

Klinsmann, who has played more than 100 times for Germany, was speaking after Germany had reached the quarterfinals here hy beating Mexico, 2-1.

It was a textbook German victory

against a team that often seemed more skilled. Two goals in the last 15 minutes, by Klinsmann and his fellow striker Oliver Bierhoff, literally shattered the Mexicans, who had seemed headed for a surprise 1-0 victory. Earlier in the tournament, Germany

trailed Yugoslavia, 0-2, with 20 minntes

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When metables any cirgum plays 50 minutes, teams start to play two 15-minute periods of extra-time. Play now stops immediately when one team scores in extra-time — a "golden goal" for the winner,

left and came back to tie the game 2-2. If the Germans are in the last eight yet again, playing Croatia on Saturday in Lyon, it seems, more than ever, that sheer force of character has brought them this far. For this, by any estimate, is not a great side.

Its midfield has often resembled nothing so much as a great and gloomy void. Aging, often clumsy and strangely disorganized, the team has been compared in Germany to the Russian space station Mir, staggering from mishap to mishap but somehow staying aloft. Coach Berti Vogts has tried so many players in midfield — even dropping what looked like

attempts to discern his strategy have appeared a fruitless exercise. What then keeps the Mannschaft going here, urged onward by the 34-yearold Klinsmann and the 37-year-old sweeper Lothar Matthaus? Where does this exceptional will to win - recognized with trepidation by all Germany's opponents - find its roots?

the best of them, Jens Jeremies, 25 - that

The expression of national pride has, of course, been a difficult issue for Germans ever since World War II. In the soccer team, the nation clearly finds a uniquely powerful symbol for values of strength, determination and cohesion that cannot readily be displayed elsewhere.

While every country takes pride in its soccer team, not every country takes pride in the team's moral fiber and willpower above all else. 'What can we he proud of?" the

German columnist Harald Martenstein wrote this week. "Of the Deutsche mark, as strong as the legs of Matthaus, but soon to be abandoned. Of the Goethe-Schiller-Beethoven complex, but what do the kids in Manila know about that? We are left with the global visiting-card of soccer."

If, as the mark prepares to disappear in favor of the single European currency known as the curo, the Germans could pull off another victory, it might make the loss of the currency slightly less painful. Chancellor Helmut Kohl's re-election bid in September may even get a boost.

But with so many players over 30, and so many evident problems in the team, a fourth triumph still looks like a long shot, despite the fine performances of the striker Oliver Bierhoff, the best

header of the ball in the game. Referring to the team's repeated lastminute comebacks at this World Cup, the left-back Christian Ziege said this week, "It is time we won a game safely, otherwise our fans will die of heart attacks."

Historically, however, the heart attacks have generally been suffered by Germany's opponents. France, which will meet Germany in the semifinals if the teams win against Italy and Croal respectively, still bears the scars of that 1982 game, which seemed to many French commentators to reflect an old French inferiority complex beside its powerful neighbor. France, which also lost to Germany in the 1986 semifinals, has never won the World Cup.

As the French sports columnist Roland Gransart commented laconically this week of the German side: "Defeat? Never heard of it."

■ Non-American Coach for U.S.?

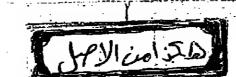
Carlos Alberto Parreira, Carlos Queiroz and Bora Milutinovic are at the top of the list to become the next coach of the U.S. soccer team, said Alan Rothenberg, the U.S. Soccer Federation president, adding that he was not interest in hiring an American. The Associated Press reported Thursday from Paris.



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# Novotna Avenges

Loss to Hingis
Czech Topples World No. 1
As Tauziat Stops Zvereva

By Jeunifer Frey Special to the Herald Tribune

- Jana Novotna did her best to control the anticipation final in more than 20 years. when she stood up from her chair during the final changeover of her Wimbledon semi-final of the Grand Slam best final Thursday and walked to suited to her entertaining

### WIMBLEDON

friend, her foe, and her main obstacle to a much-coveted hopes of a repeat championthe Centre Court crowd was roaring, ready to see a longsuffering veteran take a leap toward getting her due at last.

Novotna may not have been serving for the Wimbledon championship, but it certo you back now!"

Yes you did!" Hingis

Earlier in the day, the un-heralded Nathalie Tauziat had spluttered to a 1-6, 7-6 (7-1), 6victory over the unseeded Natasha Zvereva in the other semifinal. Watching that match, it was impossible not to feel that the Novotna-Hingis semifinal which pitted the No. 1 player in the world, Hingis, against the No. 3, Novotna — would be this year's true final.

Novotna and Hingis did not disappoint. In a beautiful match, one packed with marvelously played and marvelously long points, Novotna -6-4,6-4 on the woman who beat her in the Wimbledon final last summer.

knows well, and raised a tri-umphant fist into the air.

WIMBLEDON, England Tanziat, 30, Saturday in what will be the oldest women's Novoma will be making her third appearance in the

the baseline to serve for the serve-and-volley game. Her match. Martina Hingis — her first appearance, in 1993, ended in tears, after she collapsed in the third set against Steffi Graf, then buried her face in the Duchess of Kent's shoulder, forever endearing Wimbledon title - stood at herself to the Wimbledon the other end of the court, her crowd. The second appearance came last summer, when ship distressingly thin. And Hingis won, 2-6, 6-3, 6-3. Remembering that match, Novotna had a few words for her nemesis when they met at the

net to shake hands Thursday. "You beat me last year, Novoma said. "And I gave it

answered, then the two wrapped their arms around chair umpire together, smiles on both their faces. Hingis is 17 and Novotna

29; Hingis is already a fourtime Grand Slam titlist, No-votna is still seeking her first. outplay, and outsmart, Novot-na as she had last year. Theirs is a special tennis friendship, forged as doubles partners — the two returned to the court together later Thursday for a women's doubles match - and cemented by the fact that the Czech-born Hingis speaks Novot-but she was great at the net." na's native language.

Novotna said that her rela-



Jana Novotna stretching for a return Thursday in her victory over Martina Hingis.

me, she should win the whole tournament, you know."

Last year, Hingis ruled su-

preme in women's tennis: She made all four Grand Slam titles and won three of them. This year has been differwrapped their arms around ent. Hingis started with victory each other and walked to the chair umpire together, smiles lost in the semifinals of both the French Open (to Monica Seles) and Wimbledon. On

> "I was up 3-0 and 40-0 and after that it changed like this," Hingis said, waving her hand. 'Everything just stuck in the net, and nothing would Aggressive at the outset,

Hingis won the first nine tionship with Hingis made the points of the match and told match all the more "emotion- herself, "You can't lose this at anymore," before doing hit her final return into the net, al." Hingis admitted that she set anymore," before doing player on the tour anymore," Novotnaknelt on the grass she now was pulling for her friend, just that. Her problems car-

"Sometimes it seems like the said. Hingis, grinning, also was broken in the first game, said that she was picking Novotna because "if she beats the she was picking Novotna because "if she beats the she righted herself to eventually take a 3-2 lead."

"Sometimes it seems like the older, the better. If you see Tanziat on the other side in the finals, it's amazing, you

After that, three of the next four games were marathons, both players winning long, intricate points and both players battling to hold serve. Twice in the seventh game, Hingis served aces while facing breakpoint — they were Hingis's only aces of the match — and as she walked back to her fingertips, rather than the baseline after the second, forge ahead. She double-faulthe baseline after the second. she playfully flexed her arm muscles for the crowd. Thursday, she was unable to

was the point Novotna won to break Hingis and go up 5-4 before the final changeover. At the net, Novoma backhanded an overhead for a winner, come over anymore, and I was leaving Hingis to roll her eyes at the impossibility of it all. It was hard for Hingis to believe that she would have more difficulty beating Novotna at 29

than she did beating her at 28. . "She's not the youngest

Tanziat on the other side in the finals, it's amazing, you know. I hope it's going to be like that with me also — the older, the smarter, the cleverer, the better."

After 42 career Grand Slams, Tauziat made her first appearance in a semifinal Thursday, and she played as if she were trying to hold on by ted on the first point of the match and was nearly help-Those two points, though, less in the first set, then were rarities. More common slogged her way through the second watching, and waiting, for Zvereva to collapse.

Zvereva obliged. The 27-year-old from Belarus played a miserable second-set tiebreaker, then could not hold herself together in the third set. After upsetting Graf and Seles in this tournament,, Zvereva saw her magic carpet ride come to an end. "I'm so tired," she said. "I

mental-institution

# Wells Shows All-Star Shine

### Yankees Ace Shuts Down Phillies in 5-2 Triumph

The Associated Press

Hours after making his first All-Star team, American League squad.

Wells pitched seven strong innings and Tino Martinez drove in four runs to lead the Yankees to a 5-2 victory over Philadelphia on Wednesday night in New York.

Wells (11-2) held the Phillies to one earned a walk to 36.

"I had no breaking ball whatsoever," said

BASEBALL ROUNDUP

### Wells, one of five Yankees picked for the AL

All-Star team earlier Wednesday. "If you don't have your best stuff, you have to pull a rabbit out of your hat.

Wells won for the eighth time in nine starts, and Mariano Rivera got five outs for his 20th

save in 23 chances. The Yankees got all the offense they needed from Martinez, who broke out of a slump with

a two-run homer in the second and a two-run single in the fifth. Martinez was 18-for-101 (178) since being hit in the back by a pitch from Baltimore's Armando Benitez in mid-May. The Yankees won for the sixth time in seven games and improved to 12-3 against

National League teams, the best interleague mark in the majors. Mariners 9, Rockies 5 Ken Griffey Jr. hit his 34th home run and David Segui, who did not

make the All-Star team, hit two homers as the

Mariners topped Colorado in Seattle. Griffey went 4-for-5 with three doubles, giving him 56 extra-base hits, best in the major leagues. Segui hit a solo shot in the third and a two-run homer in the fifth. Edgar Martinez also homered for the Mariners, who are last in the AL

West but lead the majors with 133 homers. Padres 8, Athletics 4 Greg Vaughn hit his 28th homer, a controversial three-run shot, and Kevin Brown got his 10th victory for San Diego, in Oakland.

Vaughn, named an NL All-Star reserve before the game, got credit for his fourthinning homer after an appeal to the umpires — who first ruled the hall hit the center-field wall and was in play. The Padres argued that the ball bounced off a camera booth beyond the wall, and the impires eventually agreed.

Twins 2, Reds 1 Brad Radke, Minnesota's lone All-Star representative, got his ninth victory as the visiting Twins halted Cincinnati's five-game winning streak.

Braves 6, Devil Rays 5 Chipper Jones's second

off Roberto Hernandez in the ninth inning - with their biggest offensive day of the season.

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lifted Atlanta to victory in Tampa Bay. Marfins 5, Orioles 3 In Baltimore, Livan David Wells showed why he belongs on the Hernandez won his fourth straight decision as

Finrida handed the Orioles their eighth straight loss. Florida scored two runs in the first inning without a hit and never trailed en route to its

ninth victory in 13 games. indiana 5, Browers 2 in Milwaukee, the Allrun and extended his streak of innings without Stars Jim Thome and Omar Vizquel each drove in two runs and Kenny Lofton had three hits as

Cleveland snapped a three-game losing streak. Royals 6, Cardinals 4 Tim Belcher woo for the fifth time in six decisions, and Jeff Conine and Dean Palmer each had three RBIs as Kansas City triumphed over visiting St. Louis for its eighth victory in 10 games.

Mark McGwire, who hit his 37th homer the previous night, went 0-for-3 with a walk and two strikeouts for St. Louis.

Podgers 7, Rangers 5 Los Angeles won in Arlington, Texas, as Eric Karros's two-run double capped a three-run rally in the ninth inning off the All-Star closer John Wetteland. Wetteland entered the ninth with a 5-4 lead,

but he gave up a one-out single in Wilton Guerrero before the second baseman Mark McLemore booted Jim Eisenreich's potential game-ending, double-play grounder. One out later, Gary Sheffield singled home Gnerrero. Karros then hit a liner into the right-field corner.

Cubs 6, Diamondbacks 4 The Chicago rookie

Kerry Wood struck out 13 in eight innings and improved his home record to 6-0. Wood (8-3) gave up two runs and three hits. Sammy Sosa, who hit a record 20 homers in June, began July with a pair of run-scoring doubles for the Cubs.

Astros 10, White Sox 4 In Houston, Mnises Alou drove in four runs against Chicago and Sean Berry tied his career-high with four hits as the Astros continued their surge, during which they have scored 48 runs in four game

Giants 6, Angels 3 Bill Mueller hit a threerun homer in the 10th after failing in two sacrifice attempts, lifting San Francisco to victory in Anaheim.

Tigers 9, Pirates 1 In Pittsburgh, Detroit's Seth Greisinger held the Pirates to five hits in eight innings for his first major-league victory.

Red Sox 6, Expos 1 In Boston, Bret Saber-

hagen pitched seven innings of three-hit ball against Montreal and Nomar Garciaparra extended his hitting streak to 22 games for the Red Sox, Saberhagen (10-5) retired the first 10 batters and had still faced the minimum before Shane Andrews homered with one out in the sixth. Blue Jays 15, Mets 10 Alex Gonzalez hit a

three-run borner in an eight-run eighth inning for homer of the game - a two-run, two-out shot Toronto as the Blue Jays beat visiting New York

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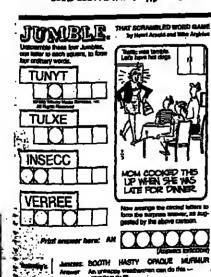
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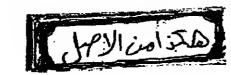












### **POSTCARD**

# In Defense of Sonoma

By Marian Burros

S ONOMA. California — Residents of Sonoma County will say this much about their neighbor to the east: The Napa Valley is better known and has better restaurants. That said, they wouldn't dream of living there.

They would have to give up their wild and spectacular coastline. They would have to abandoo their magnificent fruits and vegetables, superb cheeses and foie gras, prizewinning olive oil, succulent lamh and pristine oysters.

They would have to leave the low-key atmosphere that attracts fascinating characters. And of course, they would have to give up hragging rights on those Sonoma pinot noirs and chardonnays. wines they would put up

againsi Napa's any day.

Despite all these advantages. Sonoma's sense of being an also-ran runs deep, as does resentment about the fame of Napa's premium wines, which, Sonomans say. is partly driven by a magpromotional ma-

If Napa is to San Francisco what the Hamptons are to New York — the weekend outpost for society doings ---Sonoma is the North Fork, where potato fields still grow

Long Island potatoes. But in Sonoma, the local specialties are more refined than potatoes. Laura Chenel. in the town of Sonoma, was one of the first people in cheeses. Now, there are several excellent cheese makers in the county, like Redwood Hill Farm, which makes a Camembert-like goat cheese.

CK Lamb produces succulent, tender meat that is some of the best lamb in America. The foie gras from Sonoma's Muscovy ducks has an incredihly fine texture. And some of the county's olive oils, like Da Vero's, can bold their own

with their European hrethren. Sonoma does have a marketing organization for its bounty, called Select Sonoma County, but the county does not have the money or recognition of its Napa neighbor.

"Maybe we are looking for respect," said Gaye LeBaron, a columnist for The Santa Rosa Press Democrat in Sonoma's main town.

Like fellow Sonomans, she cheered oo the county's answer to Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid — the Sonoma Valley Wine Patrol, which in the early 1990s genially hiiacked two busloads of European travel writers on their way to taste Napa wines and "forced" them to sample Sonoma wines instead. The same outfit raided the Napa Valley Wine Train and cajoled the tourists into drinking Sonoma wines.

It's not that the residents of Sonoma want the glitz and the glamour of the 20-mile-long (32-kilometer-loog), two-mile-wide Napa Valley or the humper-to-humper traffic on its single north-south road. Nor do they want what they call the Disneyfication of the wine industry, to accommo-

date the vacationing hordes. Though parts of the county are less than an hour north of the Golden Gate Bridge, most America to turn goat's milk of Sonoma is still very rural into classic French-style and up until now, life there has been noncompenn ve. It is a place for individualists and eccentrics - mavericks who provide the color that keeps the place intriguing,

# The Other Royals: 90 Years a King-in-Waiting

By Suzy Menkes

AMBOISE, France — lo his Sleeping Beauty castle high above the Loire River, the future Henri VI of France will celebrate on Sunday his 90th birthday.

If fairy tales come true, the most persuasive pretender to the French throne might yet be crowned in a royal blue robe gilded with fleur-de-lis and take his place among the 40 French kings spanning 1,000 years of history.

As it is, Henri, Comte de Paris, head of the Orleans hranch of France's royal family, is a spry, upright gentleman with exquisite manners and shiny shoes, who will receive the extended family of his 11 children and royal relatives for a fete at the Renaissance chateau of Amboise on the Loire River.

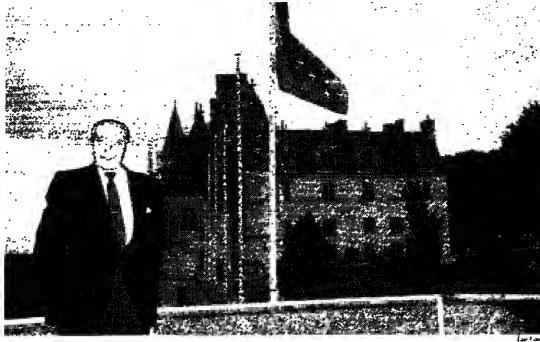
"Cousin" this and that, he says of the guest list, referring to august names thick with the dust of past royal history: Hahsburgs, Hohen-zollerns or Wuriembergs, heads of tov-town principalities like Rainie and Albert of Monaco, and exiled from Greece

Yugoslavia.
The royal flock might choose to mark another somber anniversary: 150 years since France's last king. Louis-Philippe, was overthrown in the Revolution of 1848. He left two different lines — the Bourbons and the Orleans — laying claim to the

While in France the Comte de Paris is recognized for his walrus mustache, dapper style and eminently sensible political comments. ahroad he is scarcely known - and he wants it that way.

"This is a family celebration," he said of the coming fete. "I never wanted to be a star or for my children to be. That has been the English error — to allow people to banalize you by making the family into celehrities. Britain's royal family now has a lot of work to do to recover lost territory.

For the first 42 years of his life, great drama of my life. the count had no territory. Before a



The Comte de Paris, the most persuasive pretender to the crown, in front of his Amboise home.

rocco or gaze at his country from the terrace of a Belgian mansion.

He learned to pilot a plane to satisfy his craving to see and feel more than the scoop of French soil that his father, the Duc de Guise, had dug up from under a plane tree on the Champs-Elysees and kept on his desk until he died in exile in 1940.

Hovering alone above the forests of the Ardennes, Inoking down at the tidy villages and pastoral tracts of northern France, the count felt a pain and a yearning that weigh on him half a century later.

"I loved France as an ideal like something or someone that you can't reach out and touch, see, drink in - you can't imagine the frustration," he said. "It was the

After publicly condemning the

French law banishing pretenders to the throne was rescinded in 1950, country in World War II, in the gaining some ground in Eastern Europe, does the count believe it could still happen in France? If the young Henri could only dream of Foreign Legion. He then fought on La Belle France on a farm in Mo- two fronts: to return to France and to would have to be "above and bedistance himself from the ultrarightyond politics in the permanent inist monarchists. By renouncing their terests of the whole nation." views and by publishing a liberal monthly political journal known as Le Bulletin, he said proudly that he earned hirnself the title of le prince

rouge or red prince. I was the prisoner of the Le Pen-ists of the period," the count said, referring to the current leader of France's National Front party. The count speaks out strongly against racist attitudes, especially

toward North Africans in France. For 18 years, he remained on the political scene, even carrying out diplomatic missions. That ended in 1968, however, with the political collapse of his close friend Charles de Gaulle.

With kingly restoration a success in Spain and with the idea d'Orleans Bragance in Palermo, moi."

then marrying a divorcee.

Paradoxically, the mild count of liberal views seems to be an ahsolute ruler in his personal life. sticking to the rigid principles of no mixed-blood royal marriages.

"My son's divorce was a scan-dal," he said. "We should give an example to the people of duty and responsibility and we should be as transparent as glass. You can see in England the drama a divorce causes. I was terrihly agitated at the time hy the abdication of the Duke of Wind-sor. And for Charles and Diana to

Italy, in 1931 was the Charles-and-Di fest of its day. Although he still refers to his wife as "La Reine

Isabelle," the couple separated dis-

creefly in 1986.

But the divorce question that has so bedeviled monarchies from

England's Henry VIII through the

current Windsors tore the French

royal family apart recently when

Henri, Comte de Clermoni, the son

and heir, was disinherited by his

father for divorcing his wife — and

divorce was a terrible mistake. Father and son are now reconciled and, his status as heir reconfirmed, the Comte de Clermont is expected to show up Sunday with his new wife.

His first wife won't be there monarchy were restored, he said, it and the family are furious with me," the Comte de Paris said. "But I have to impose my will."

Forced into the anachronistic po-"Everything depends on events and on the man," he added. "I believe it's finished for me—it is up to others to carry on my work." If with grace. He considers his seems to have managed his public life with grace. He considers his Since the Gaullist period, the life's achievement to be moving the count has concentrated on the concept of monarchy in France for-Fondation Saint-Louis, set up in ward from the privilege of a caste or political clan - and especially dis-1975 to look after the family's pattancing it from the extreme right. rimony and especially the chateau

So as he looks out from the turrets of Amboise, does he feel that he is surveying his rightful kingdom?

literally cultivating his garden: "I feel everywhere is my pat-rimony," he said. When I see the Inevitably, the domestic tribu-lations of France's first family have fleur-de-lis on the carpets at the caused more ink to flow than have Elysees or when I go out across the country, there is not a corner of of the Comte de Paris and Isabelle France where I do not feel che:

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### **PEOPLE**

JUST married: Barbra Streisand and James Brolin exchanged wedding vows during a private ceremony at her estate in Malibu, California, overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Streisand's son. Jason, gave the bride away, said her publicist, Dick Guttman. Brolin's son, Josh, was the best man at the ceremony held in the formal living room on Wednesday, the second anniversary of the couple's first date. Guests included Quincy Jones, Tom Hanks, John Travolta and his wife, Kelly Preston. All those who attended the wedding had to sign confidentiality agreements, according to

Woody Allen, who has overhauled most of his longtime production staff, has abruptly left his New York-based agent, Sam Cohn, after 30 years. Allen has decided to move to the William Morris Agency, where he will be represented by John Burnham, executive vice president of the agency and a head of its motion-picture department in Los Angeles. Diane Keaton, a friend of Allen's and a client of Burnham's for 15 years, introduced the two men. Allen's move caught Hollywood agents. executives and producers by surprise, as his longterm bond with Cohn was considered unbreakable.

But two of Allen's associates said that he had

decided to leave Cohn partly because he felt Burnham was better suited to finding him acting roles. "He's keen on acting; he wants more choices and opportunities." said one associate.

In a display of "Art" for art's sake, Loodon audiences will get a chance to see the Tony Award-

winning American version of Yasmina Reza's play "Art." while Broadway theatergoers will see Britain's Olivier Award-winning version. The exchange will begin July 28, when Stacy Keach. George Wendt and David Dukes will step, respectively, into the roles of Marc, Serge and Yvan in the comedy at Wyndhams Theatre in London. In September, a British cast will take over from Alan Alda, Victor Garber and Alfred Molina in "Art" at the Royale Theatre on Broadway, where are currently Marc, Serge and Yvan.

A woman claiming to be Evita Peron's daughter wants to take a DNA test to prove the fahled Argentine first lady was her mother. "I want to be recognized as my mother's daughter and they will do that with the results of the DNA tests." Nilda Quartucci told a radio station. Quartucci, 57, said that she was born in a Buenos Aires clinic, and that she never saw Evita, who died of cancer in 1952. Quartucci said Evita disowned her "for reasons that do not reflect well on my father."

As Isaac Hayes has revitalized his career, a Georgia woman has renewed her effort to collect on an \$88,000 loan. Doris Hall received a court order in 1989 that required Hayes to repay the loan plus nearly \$100,000 in interest, but she didn't pursue it because she believed the singer didn't have the means to pay, her attorney said. Hayes, who won an Oscar for his 1971 theme for the movie "Shaft." has his own show on a New York radio station.

Mayor Gabriele Albertini of Milan told newspapers that his controversial decision to be photographed wearing a tiny - very tiny - Valentino cashmere bathing suit was a way of showing his support for Milan fashion week. Photos splashed across Italy's major dailies that showed the trim, bespectacled mayor provoked head-scratching from commentators about whether Albertini had gone too far. "I wanted to show the city's interest in supporting the prestigious designers who are showing their collections, he told La Repubblica, adding, "It's not like I was at a city council meeting."



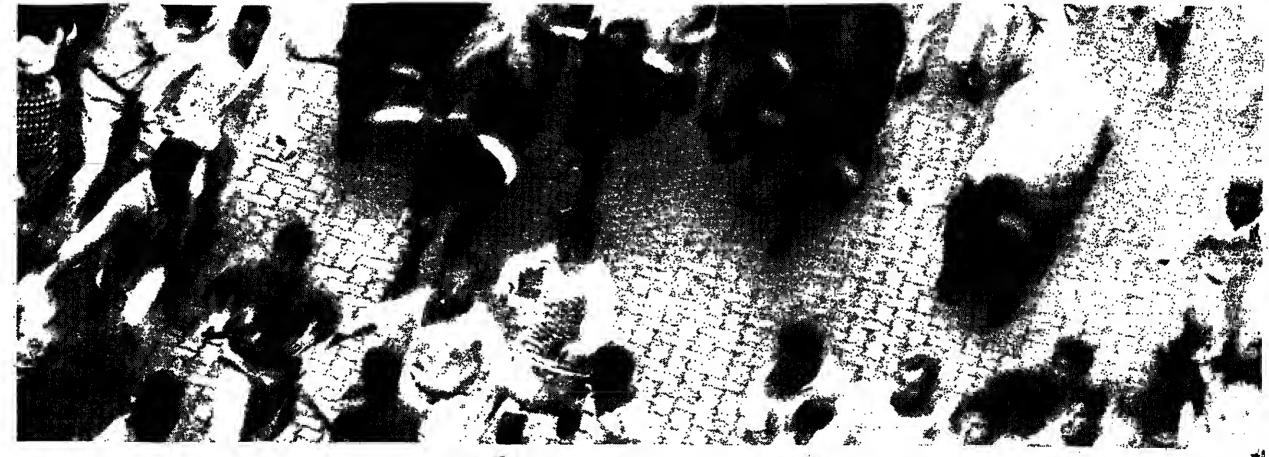
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restoring the ancient terraces.

John Travolta and Kelly Preston arriving at Barbra Streisand's Malibu estate.



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